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### RESOLUTION

**URGING THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GLOBALIZATION AND WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO) TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECENTLY IMPOSED TARIFFS BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON PHILIPPINE INDUSTRIES, AND CONVENE CONSULTATIONS WITH AFFECTED SECTORS, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE WTO RULES**

**WHEREAS**, the global economy operates under a rules-based multilateral trading system, primarily governed by the WTO, to which both the Philippines and the U.S. are founding members;

**WHEREAS**, the core principles of the WTO, including the Most Favored Nation principle and the binding tariff ceilings, are designed to ensure stable, predictable, and non-discriminatory trade relations among member states;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S., under its current administration, has implemented new and significant tariffs on imported goods, raising concerns and questions of the consistency with WTO agreements;

**WHEREAS**, various Philippine industries, including but not limited to, electronics and agricultural products, rely heavily on a stable and preferential trading relationship with the U.S., and are therefore highly vulnerable to the economic impact of these new tariffs;

**WHEREAS**, these potential impacts include a decline in export revenues, a decrease in foreign direct investments, and a threat to the jobs and livelihoods of thousands of Filipino workers and entrepreneurs;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine government has the responsibility to protect its domestic industries and workers while upholding its commitment with the WTO; and must formulate a plan to mitigate any adverse economic fallout;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to explore and identify potential legislative measures, to provide a more comprehensive and WTO-compliant legal framework for protecting domestic industries from global trade disruptions;

**WHEREAS**, the Special Committee on Globalization is vested with the principal jurisdiction to address all matters directly and principally relating to the effects of WTO policies and other actions that impact the Philippines;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GLOBALIZATION AND WTO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO GATHER FIRST-HAND DATA AND TESTIMONIES FROM AFFECTED INDUSTRIES, LABOR GROUPS, BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS ON THE IMPACT OF THE RECENTLY IMPOSED TARIFFS ON THE CONTRY'S TRADE AND COMPETITIVENESS**

  
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