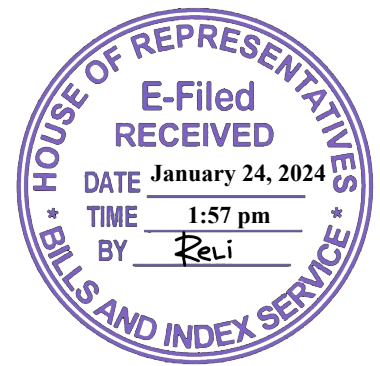


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **937**

Submitted by the Special Committee on East ASEAN Growth Area on **January 24, 2024**

Re: House Resolution No. **1552**

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 343

Sponsor: Representative Princess Rihan Mangudadatu Sakaluran

Mr. Speaker:

The Special Committee on East ASEAN Growth Area, to which was referred House Resolution No. 343, introduced by Rep. Princess Rihan Mangudadatu Sakaluran, entitled:

“RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE TO INITIATE AND
CONVENE THE LEGISLATURES COMPRISING THE GROWTH AREAS OF BRUNEI -
INDONESIA – MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA (BIMP-EAGA) FOR A
FIRST BIMP-EAGA INTER-PARLIAMENTARY FORUM.”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. **1552**, entitled:

“RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INITIATE THE
CONVENING OF THE BRUNEI DARUSSALAM- INDONESIA-MALAYSIA- PHILIPPINES EAST
ASEAN GROWTH AREA (BIMP-EAGA) PARLIAMENTARY FORUM COMPRISING OF THE
PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM THE BIMP-EAGA SUBREGION”

be adopted in substitution of House Resolution No. 343, with Representatives Princess Rihan M. Sakaluran, Yevgeny Vicente B. Emano, Loreto B. Acharon, Jose C. Alvarez, Jonathan Clement M. Abalos, Edward S. Hagedorn, Isidro T. Ungab, Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Samier A. Tan, Romeo S. Momo, Rudy S. Caoagdan, DPA, John Tracy F. Cagas, Ziaur-Rahman “Zia” Alonto Adiong, Jose Manuel F. Alba, Adrian Michael A. Amatong, Yasser Alonto Balindong, Claude P. Bautista, Sittie Aminah Q. Dimaporo, Antonieta R. Eudela, Mujiv S. Hataman, Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo, Laarni L. Roque, Dimszar M. Sali, Peter B. Miguel, Nelson L. Dayanghirang, Francisco Jose “Bingo” F. Matugas, II, CPA, CESO, LIB, Ma. Alana Samantha T. Santos, Reynaldo S. Tamayo, Bai Dimple I. Mastura, Joselito “Joel” S. Sacdalan, Steve Chiongbian Solon, Alfelito “Alfel” M. Bascug, Eddiebong G. Plaza, Khymer Adan T. Olaso, Jose Ma. R. Zubiri Jr., Lordan G. Suan, Glona G. Labadlabad, Shernee A. Tan-Tambut, Divina Grace

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as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

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HON. PRINCESS RIHAN M. SAKALURAN

Chairperson

Special Committee on East ASEAN Growth Area

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INITIATE THE CONVENING OF THE BRUNEI DARUSSALAM-INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA (BIMP-EAGA) PARLIAMENTARY FORUM COMPRISING OF THE PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM THE BIMP-EAGA SUBREGION

WHEREAS, the Brunei Darussalam – Indonesia – Malaysia – Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) was formed during the Inaugural Ministers’ Meeting in Davao, Philippines on March 24, 1994;

WHEREAS, the primary objective of this initiative is to increase economic cooperation among participating growth areas and economies to increase trade investments, tourism, agri-business, environment, and socio-cultural education, through cross border cooperation;

WHEREAS, BIMP-EAGA has a combined population of around 60 million and covers a land area of more or less 1.6 million square kilometers that includes the entire Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam and the respective growth areas in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines;

WHEREAS, BIMP-EAGA to date attracted the interest of development partners such as the governments of the Republic of Korea, European Union, Japan, Northern Territory of Australia, People's Republic of China, and the United States of America;

WHEREAS, the combined wealth and resources of BIMP-EAGA growth areas increased the overall size of the economy of the member countries thereby increasing their profitability, productivity growth, and sustained economic growth;

WHEREAS, there is a need to initiate a BIMP-EAGA Parliamentary Forum that shall provide the growth areas a unique forum for multilateral discussions and foster a common strategic avenue for legislators on the full range of issues covered by the priority areas for cooperation in accordance with the inaugural ministerial meeting of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area in 1994;

WHEREAS, the proposed BIMP-EAGA Parliamentary Forum shall consist of parliamentarians in the BIMP-EAGA Growth Areas;

WHEREAS, the proposed BIMP-EAGA Parliamentary Forum is geared towards the attainment of the following goals: (a) fill the current legislative gap in defining BIMP-EAGA's economic agenda and areas of cooperation; (b) create an enabling environment for cross-border investments, programs and projects; and (c) formulate policies that will institutionalize the spirit and intent of BIMP-EAGA;

WHEREAS, the first BIMP-EAGA Parliamentary Forum will be hosted by the Philippine government in 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the House of Representatives of the Philippines initiate the convening of the BIMP-EAGA Parliamentary Forum comprising of parliamentarians from the BIMP-EAGA subregion.

Adopted,

House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department
FACT SHEET

House Resolution No. 1552

“RESOLUTION

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Committee Referral: *Special Committee on East ASEAN Growth Area*

Committee Chairperson: *PRINCESS RIHAN M. SAKALURAN*

OBJECTIVES:

- To enhance deeper economic cooperation through parallel parliamentary and legislative fora among the member countries of the in the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) subregion.
- To answer the need of the member-states’ parliaments to integrate BIMP-EAGA concerns into their respective legislative agenda.
- To sustain the socio-economic gains made by BIMP-EAGA member countries in nearly three decades.
- To intimately involve the member states’ parliamentarians in crafting focused policy that can further enhanced BIMP-EAGA’s economic viability.
- To enhance awareness and attention towards issues wherein parliamentarians may provide measures to fill legislative gaps and ensure effective policy implementation.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- The BIMP-EAGA parliamentary forum shall elevate policy discussions among the legislative counterparts of the member countries in the areas of trade, tourism, agri-business, environment, and socio-cultural and education.
- BIMP-EAGA has attracted the interest of development partners such as the governments of the Republic of Korea, European Union, Japan, Northern Territory of Australia, People's Republic of China, and the United States of America.
- The parliamentary forum will provide more exposure for multi-lateral discussions on issues covered by the priority areas in accordance with the inaugural ministerial meeting held in Davao City, Philippines.
- The forum shall foster a common strategic avenue of the member countries' legislative bodies.

RELATED LAWS:

- Republic Act No. 9996, or the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) Act of 2010
- Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), 1976
- ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA), 26 February 2009