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Subject: Resolution No. 2022-403 dated August 9, 2022 entitled, "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NATIONAL DISASTER AND RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (NDRRMC), THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), AND THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) TO HASTEN THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT MEMORANDUM ON ANTICIPATORY ACTION AND THE UTILIZATION OF THE QUICK RESPONSE FUND OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS"

Dear Mesdames and Messrs:

Anent the subject Resolution, copy furnished this Office, we are inclined not to comment on the matter, because, while this Commission has the power to promulgate accounting and auditing rules and regulations among its principal duties, that power rests specifically on the Commission on Audit Commission Proper.

Moreover, it is noted that the Resolution also seeks to use the QRF for anticipatory action which may entail the amendment of R.A. No. 10121, which power is vested in the Congress of the Republic of the Philippines.

Very truly yours,


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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 7th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON AUGUST 09, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-403

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NATIONAL DISASTER AND RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (NDRRMC), THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG) AND THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) TO HASTEN THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT MEMORANDUM ON ANTICIPATORY ACTION AND THE UTILIZATION OF THE QUICK RESPONSE FUND OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 or Republic Act 10121 strengthens the capacity of local governments to manage and reduce risks from disasters by decentralizing resources;

WHEREAS, the same law gives local governments the power to set aside not less than five percent (5%) of their estimated revenue from regular sources as Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF);

WHEREAS, RA 10121 also stipulates the uses of the LDRRMF, which is for disaster risk management activities, such as but not limited to, pre-disaster preparedness, post-disaster activities, and the payment of premiums on calamity insurance;

WHEREAS, the same law also allocates 30% of the LDRRMF as Quick Response Fund (QRF) or stand-by fund for relief and recovery programs to help normalize people's living conditions the soonest after a disaster;

WHEREAS, United Nations (UN) agencies, like the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), and other international humanitarian organizations, like Oxfam and the Red Cross, have been promoting anticipatory action as an alternative to the relief and recovery practice of humanitarian action;

WHEREAS, anticipatory action comes before a disaster and is connected to forecast; it is driven by data on vulnerabilities as well as damage and loss assessment data based on past disasters; it makes scientific data actionable;

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WHEREAS, anticipatory action may take the form of early harvesting, livestock and asset evacuation, shelter strengthening and cash transfers, among other interventions;

WHEREAS, according to FAO, anticipatory action does not only save lives and livelihoods, but also makes financial sense; evidences FAO gathered since 2017 from Sudan to the Philippines, prove that every USD 1.00 invested in anticipatory action can create a return of more than USD 7.00 in avoided losses for farming families;

WHEREAS, anticipatory action has been pilot-tested by Oxfam in several municipalities of Eastern Samar including Salcedo, Quinapondan, Balangiga and Dolores, and local governments have reported good results with a few constraints;

WHEREAS, one of the constraints identified by local governments in the province is the requirement set by Commission on Audit Circular 2012-002, dated September 12, 2012, which requires a declaration of a state of calamity to trigger the release of the QRF, in effect preventing its use for anticipatory action;

WHEREAS, local governments in Leyte can better respond and reduce the impact of disasters, avoid food shortages, and lead in promoting a more dignified humanitarian practice if they will be allowed to utilize their quick reaction funds for anticipatory action;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion presented by Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar, duly seconded by Atty. Carlo P. Loreto, Honorable Flaviano C. Centino, Jr., Honorable Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban, Honorable Marie Kathryn Veloso-Kabigting, and Honorable Raissa J. Villasin, be it

RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte that the NDRRMC, the DILG and THE COA fastrack the issuance of a joint memorandum on anticipatory action and the utilization of the quick reaction funds of local governments.

RESOLVED FURTHER that said memorandum be issued before the onset of the typhoon season and the end of the budgeting period of local governments.

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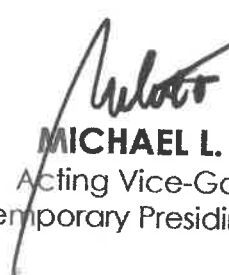
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Approved unanimously.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

ATTESTED:


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