Republic of the Philippines Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (R.A. 7611) Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 34th Council Meeting of the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development held at the Multi-Purpose Hall, Capitol Bldg., Puerto Princesa City. 03 February 1995.

Present:

Chairman Gov. Salvador P. Socrates Cong. David A. Ponce de Leon Vice-Chairman Exec. Dir. Arthur R. Ventura Secretary Cong. Alfredo E. Abueg Jr. Member Kgd. Elegio F. Quejano Jr. Member Member Rev. Fr. Armando R. Limsa Member Atty. Teodoro Q. Pena Member Mr. Vic Milan Member Vice-Gov. Joel T. Reyes PENRO Danilo R. Querijero representing Member Usec. Ricardo M. Umali Capt. Rex Robles representing Member Maj. Gen. Carlos F. Tanega

Absent:

Usec. Joemari D. Gerochi - Member
Dep. Dir. Gen. Aniceto M. Sobrepena - Member
Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn - Member
Mayor Wenceslao de las Alas - Member
Maj. Crispiniano G. Acosta Jr. - Member

PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 95-80

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO THE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES BY THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP RELATIVE TO THE OPEN AGGRESSIVENESS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WITHIN THE PHILIPPINE TERRITORY, SPECIFICALLY THE PANGANIBAN REEF, OFF MAINLAND PALAWAN

WHEREAS, R.A. 7611, otherwise known as the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan, took effect on 19 June 1992 and Section 6 of said Act provides that the SEP shall serve as the framework to guide the government agencies concerned in the formulation of plans, programs and projects affecting the environment and natural resources of Palawan;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of R.A. 7611 provides that the governance, implementation and policy direction of the SEP shall be exercised by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (FCSD), under the Office of the President;



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WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the PCSD, through a briefing made by Capt. Rex Robles of the Western Command. that it appears that the People's Republic of China has displayed its "open aggresiveness" by putting up structures within the Philippines' territory, in particular within the Panganiban Reef. off Mainland Palawan;

WHERAS, the Council recognizes that such action by a foreign country tantamounts as threat to the country's territorial integrity and sovereignty;

WHEREAS, the Council fully supports to the diplomatic initiatives of the national leadership of the country to resolve the said conflict;

NOW THEREFORE, upon unanimous motion by all the members of the Council present, the Council;

RESOLVED, as it hereby resolve, that the Council support, as it hereby supports, to the diplomatic initiatives of the national leadership in resolving the conflict within the Panganiban Reef;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be sent to His Excellency President Fidel V. Ramos, Foreign Affairs Secretary Roberto Romulo, other concerned agencies, and local government units, for their information, consideration and appropriate action;

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of February, 1995 in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

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THUR R. VENTURA Secretary

Approved:

SALVADOR P. SOCRATES

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Chairman