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**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS TO THE 1987 CONSTITUTION**

WHEREAS, the Constitution as the fundamental law of the land must continue to evolve to provide the best sustainable economic framework which will ensure the dynamic growth of our economy and promote better security for our country and to the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, the present Constitutional provisions on our economy and patrimony can no longer effectively respond to the demands and needs of the domestic and global markets as well as to the colossal advances in education, health, science and technology;

WHEREAS, these economic provisions were constructed then to withstand the challenges of the time which over two decades have been our hallmark in crafting laws and implementing our national policies. However, some of these provisions need revisiting to encompass these emerging technologies and converging economic demands to make our country more adept in handling foreign and domestic investments and accelerate employment opportunities for our citizenry;

WHEREAS, the urgency of recommending these amendments and revisions to our 1987 Constitution is firmly grounded based on our national advocacies centered on economic development and promotion of the general welfare of the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XVII of the 1987 Constitution provides that "Any amendment to, or revision of, this Constitution may be proposed by:

- (1) The Congress, upon a vote of three-fourths of all its Members; or
- (2) A constitutional convention.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives to consider these specific amendments and revisions to the 1987 Constitution, to wit:

- 1.) The following sections of Article II - Declaration of Principles and State Policies shall be deleted: Sections 8, 9, 13, 15, 16,17,19,20,21,23,24,25,26 and 27; and the following sections shall be amended to read as follows and shall be renumbered accordingly thereafter to include the retained sections of Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, and 28:**

Section 1. The Philippines is a democratic and republican State. Sovereignty resides in the people and all government authority emanates from them.

1 Section 2. The Philippines renounces war as an instrument of national policy,  
2 adopts the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the  
3 land and adheres to the policy of peace, equality, justice, freedom, cooperation, and  
4 amity with all nations.

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6 Section 3. Civilian authority is, at all times, supreme over the military. [The  
7 Armed Forces of the Philippines is the protector of the people and the State. Its goal  
8 is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory.]

9 Section 4. The prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people.  
10 The Government may call upon the people to defend the State and, in the fulfillment  
11 thereof, all citizens may be required, under conditions provided by law, to render  
12 personal, military or civil service.

13 Section 5. The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and  
14 property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all  
15 the people of the blessings of democracy.

16 Section 6. The separation of Church and State shall be inviolable.

### 17 **STATE POLICIES**

18 Section 7. The State shall pursue an independent foreign policy. In its relations  
19 with other states, the paramount consideration shall be national sovereignty,  
20 territorial integrity, national interest, and the right to self-determination.

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22 [Section 8. The Philippines, consistent with the national interest, adopts and  
23 pursues a policy of freedom from nuclear weapons in its territory.]

24  
25 Section 9. The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will  
26 ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from  
27 poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full  
28 employment, a raising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.]

29 Section 10. The State shall promote social justice in all phases of national  
30 development.

31 Section 11. The State [values the] **RECOGNIZES THE** dignity of every human  
32 **BEING** and guarantees full respect for human rights.

33  
34 Section 12. The State [recognizes] **VALUES** the sanctity of family life and shall  
35 protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution. It shall  
36 equally protect the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception. The  
37 natural and primary right and duty of parents in the rearing of the youth for civic  
38 efficiency and the development of moral character shall receive the support of the  
39 Government.

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41 [Section 13. The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and  
42 shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social  
43 well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage  
44 their involvement in public and civic affairs.]

45  
46 Section 14. The State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall  
47 ensure the fundamental equality [before the law] of women and men.

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49 [Section 15. The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people  
50 and instill health consciousness among them.]  
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1 [Section 16. The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a  
2 balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.]  
3

4 [Section 17. The State shall give priority to education, science and technology,  
5 arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social  
6 progress, and promote total human liberation and development.]  
7

8 Section 18. The State affirms labor as a primary **AND RESPONSIBLE** social  
9 economic force. [It] **THE STATE** shall protect [the rights] **AND PROMOTE**  
10 [their] **THE** welfare **OF BOTH** workers **AND EMPLOYERS**.  
11

12 [Section 19. The State shall develop a self-reliant and independent national  
13 economy effectively controlled by Filipinos.]  
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15 [Section 20. The State recognizes the indispensable role of the private sector,  
16 encourages private enterprise, and provides incentives to needed investments.]  
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18 [Section 21. The State shall promote comprehensive rural development and  
19 agrarian reform.]  
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21 Section 22. The State recognizes and promotes the rights of indigenous [cultural  
22 communities] **PEOPLES** within the framework of national unity and development.  
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24 [Section 23. The State shall encourage non-governmental, community-based, or  
25 sectoral organizations that promote the welfare of the nation.]  
26

27 [Section 24. The State recognizes the vital role of communication and  
28 information in nation-building.]  
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30 [Section 25. The State shall ensure the autonomy of local governments.]  
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32 [Section 26. The State shall guarantee equal access to opportunities for public  
33 service and prohibit political dynasties as may be defined by law.]  
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35 [Section 27. The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in public service and  
36 take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption.]  
37

38 Section 28. Subject to reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the State adopts  
39 and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions involving  
40 public interest.

41 **2.) In Article XII – National Economy and Patrimony,**  
42 **Sections 1, 8, 11, 13, 15 and 19 are deleted and Sections 2,**  
43 **3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21 shall be amended to**  
44 **read as follows; and shall be renumbered accordingly**  
45 **thereafter to include the retained provisions of Sections**  
46 **16 and 22:**  
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48 [Section 1. The goals of the national economy are a more equitable distribution of  
49 opportunities, income, and wealth; a sustained increase in the amount of goods and  
50 services produced by the nation for the benefit of the people; and an expanding  
51 productivity as the key to raising the quality of life for all, especially the  
52 underprivileged.  
53

54 The State shall promote and industrialization and full employment based on sound  
55 agricultural development and agrarian reform, through industries that make full and  
56 efficient use of human and natural resources, and which are competitive in both  
57 domestic and foreign markets. However, the State shall protect Filipino enterprises  
58 against unfair foreign competition and trade practices.  
59

1 In the pursuit of these goals, all sectors of the economy and all regions of the country  
 2 shall be given optimum opportunity to develop. Private enterprises, including  
 3 corporations, cooperatives, and similar collective organizations, shall be encouraged  
 4 to broaden the base of their ownership.]  
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6 Section 2. All lands of the public domain, waters, minerals, coal, petroleum,  
 7 and other mineral oils, all forces of potential energy, fisheries, forests or timber,  
 8 wildlife, flora and fauna, and other natural resources are owned by the state.  
 9 With the exception of agricultural lands, all other natural resources shall not be  
 10 alienated. The exploration, development, and utilization of natural resources  
 11 **TOWARD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING**  
 12 **CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE**  
 13 **ENVIRONMENT**, shall be under the full control and supervision of the State.  
 14 The state may directly undertake such activities, or it may enter into co-  
 15 production, joint venture, or production-sharing agreements [with Filipino  
 16 citizens, or corporations or associations at least sixty per centum of whose capital  
 17 is owned by such citizens] **UNDER SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS**  
 18 **MAY BE PROVIDED BY LAW.** [Such agreements may be for a period of not  
 19 exceeding twenty-five years, renewable for not more than twenty-five years, and  
 20 under such terms and conditions as may be provided by law.] In cases of water  
 21 rights for irrigation, water supply fisheries, or industrial uses other than the  
 22 development of water power, beneficial use may be the measure and limit of the  
 23 grant.  
 24

25 [The State shall protect the nation's marine wealth in its archipelagic waters,  
 26 territorial seas, and exclusive economic zone, and reserve its use and enjoyment  
 27 exclusively to Filipino citizens.]  
 28

29 [The Congress may, by law, allow small-scale utilization of natural resources by  
 30 Filipino citizens, as well as cooperative fish farming, with priority to subsistence  
 31 fishermen and fish workers in rivers, lakes, bays, and lagoons.]  
 32

33 [The President may enter into agreements with foreign-owned corporations  
 34 involving either technical or financial assistance for large-scale exploration,  
 35 development, and utilization of minerals, petroleum, and other mineral oils  
 36 according to the general terms and conditions provided by law, based on real  
 37 contributions to the economic growth and general welfare of the country. In such  
 38 agreements, the State shall promote the development and use of local scientific  
 39 and technical resources.]  
 40

41 The [President] **STATE** shall notify **AND PROVIDE** Congress **COPIES** of  
 42 [every] **ALL** contract**S** **OR** agreement entered into **BY THE STATE** in  
 43 accordance with this provision, within thirty days from [execution] **THE**  
 44 **SIGNING OF THESE CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS.**  
 45

46 Section 3. Lands of the public domain are classified into agricultural,  
 47 **RECLAIMED**, forest or timber, mineral lands and national parks. Agricultural  
 48 lands of the public domain may be further classified by law according to the uses  
 49 to which they may be devoted **EXCEPT WHEN NATIONAL AND PUBLIC**  
 50 **INTEREST DICTATES.** Alienable lands of the public domain shall be limited  
 51 to agricultural and **RECLAIMED** lands. Private corporations or associations  
 52 may [not] hold such alienable lands of the public domain [except by] **UNDER**  
 53 **lease [,] AGREEMENTS IN REASONABLE TERMS** [for a period not  
 54 exceeding twenty-five years, renewable for not more than twenty-five years, and  
 55 not more than five hundred hectares in area. [Citizens of the Philippines] **ONLY**  
 56 **PHILIPPINE CITIZENS** may lease [not more than five hundred hectares,] or  
 57 acquire [not more than twelve hectares hereof, by purchase, homestead, or grant]  
 58 **ALIENABLE LANDS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.**  
 59

1 [Taking into account the requirements of conservation, ecology, and  
 2 development, and] **THE CONGRESS SHALL DETERMINE BY LAW, THE**  
 3 **SIZE AND KIND OF LANDS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN WHICH MAY**  
 4 **BE ACQUIRED, DEVELOPED, HELD, OR LEASED AND ITS**  
 5 **CORRESPONDING CONDITIONS THEREFOR** subject to the requirements  
 6 of agrarian reform [,] **AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NECESSARY**  
 7 **BUFFER RESERVES FOR PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION**  
 8 **EFFORTS, ECOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS.**

9  
 10 Section 4. The Congress shall determine, [as soon as possible,] by law, the  
 11 specific limits of forest lands and national parks, marking clearly their  
 12 **RESPECTIVE GROUND** boundaries [on the ground]. Thereafter, such forest  
 13 lands and national parks shall be conserved and **PROTECTED AND ITS**  
 14 **COVERAGE** may [not] be increased [nor] **OR** diminished, except by law. The  
 15 Congress shall provide [for such period as it may determine] measures to  
 16 prohibit logging **AND MINING** in **CRITICALLY** endangered forests and  
 17 watershed areas **AND SHALL PROVIDE THE PERIOD FOR ITS**  
 18 **PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION.**

19  
 20 Section 5. The State [, subject to the provisions of this Constitution and  
 21 national development policies and programs,] shall protect the rights of  
 22 indigenous [cultural communities] **PEOPLES** to their ancestral lands to ensure  
 23 their economic, social, and cultural well-being.

24  
 25 The Congress may provide for the applicability of customary laws governing  
 26 property rights or relations in determining the ownership and extent of ancestral  
 27 domain.

28  
 29 Section 6. [The use of property bears a social function, and all economic  
 30 agents shall contribute to the common good. Individuals and private groups,  
 31 including corporations, cooperatives, and similar collective organizations, shall  
 32 have the right to own, establish, and operate economic enterprises, subject to the  
 33 duty of the State to promote distributive justice and to intervene when the  
 34 common good so demands.] **THE STATE SHALL PROMOTE THE**  
 35 **ESTABLISHMENT, OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF ECONOMIC**  
 36 **ENTERPRISES BY INDIVIDUALS AND OTHER JURIDICAL ENTITIES**  
 37 **TO GENERATE INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES.**

38  
 39 Section 7. Save in cases of hereditary succession, no private  
 40 **AGRICULTURAL** lands shall be transferred or conveyed except to individuals,  
 41 corporations, or associations qualified to acquire or hold lands of the public  
 42 domain. **LANDS CLASSIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AS**  
 43 **INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL MAY BE**  
 44 **TRANSFERRED OR CONVEYED TO FOREIGN INDIVIDUALS OR**  
 45 **CORPORATIONS WITH FOREIGN OWNERSHIP. THE CONGRESS**  
 46 **SHALL DEFINE THE CONDITIONS FOR OWNERSHIP OF**  
 47 **ALLOWABLE LANDS BY FOREIGN INDIVIDUALS AND BY**  
 48 **CORPORATIONS WITH FOREIGN OWNERSHIP.**

49  
 50 [Section 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7 of this Article, a  
 51 natural-born citizen of the Philippines who has lost his Philippine citizenship  
 52 may be a transferee of private lands, subject to limitations provided by law.]

53  
 54 Section. 9. The Congress may establish an independent economic and  
 55 planning agency [headed by the President, which shall, after consultations with  
 56 the appropriate public agencies, various private sectors, and local government  
 57 units,]. **IT SHALL recommend TO THE PRESIDENT AND to Congress [,**  
 58 **and implement] ECONOMIC POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO ACHIEVE**  
 59 **continuing [integrated] AND COORDINATED [programs and policies for]**  
 60 **NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.**

1  
2 [Until the Congress provides otherwise, the National Economic and  
3 Development Authority] **IT shall function** as the independent planning agency  
4 of the government **UNLESS CONGRESS PROVIDES OTHERWISE.**  
5

6 Section 10. The Congress shall, [upon recommendation of the economic  
7 and planning agency, when the national interest dictates, reserve to citizens of  
8 the Philippines or to corporation or associations at least sixty per centum of  
9 whose capital is owned by such citizens, or such higher percentage as Congress  
10 may prescribe certain areas of investments. The Congress shall enact measures  
11 that will encourage the formation and operation of enterprises whose capital is  
12 wholly owned by Filipinos. **PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON FOREIGN**  
13 **OWNERSHIP IN CERTAIN AREAS OF INVESTMENTS WHEN**  
14 **NATIONAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC INTEREST DICTATES.**  
15

16 [ In the grant of rights, privileges, and concessions covering the national economy  
17 and patrimony, the State shall give preference to qualified Filipinos.]  
18

19 The State shall regulate and exercise authority over foreign investments within its  
20 national jurisdiction in accordance with its national goals and policies.  
21

22 [Section 11. No franchise, certificate, or any other form of authorization for  
23 the operation of a public utility shall be granted except to citizens of the  
24 Philippines or to corporations or associations organized under the laws of the  
25 Philippines, at least sixty per centum of whose capital is owned by such citizens;  
26 nor shall such franchise, certificate, or authorization be exclusive in character or  
27 for a longer period than fifty years. Neither shall any such franchise or right to be  
28 granted except under the condition that it shall be subject to amendment,  
29 alteration, or repeal by the Congress when the common good so requires. The  
30 State shall encourage equity participation in public utilities by the general public.  
31 The participation of foreign investors in the governing body of any public utility  
32 enterprise shall be limited to their proportionate share in its capital, and all the  
33 executive and managing officers of such corporation or association must be  
34 citizens of the Philippines.]  
35

36 Section 12. The State shall promote the preferential use of Filipino labor,  
37 domestic materials, and locally produced goods[, and]. **IT SHALL adopt**  
38 **measures [that help make them] TO PROMOTE ITS PRODUCTIVITY,**  
39 **competitiveness AND ENCOURAGE OPPORTUNITES FOR**  
40 **EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITIES.**  
41

42 [Section 13. The State shall pursue a trade policy that serves the general  
43 welfare and utilizes all forms and arrangements of exchange on the basis of  
44 equality and reciprocity.]  
45

46 Section 14. **THE STATE SHALL PROMOTE** the sustained development  
47 of a reservoir of national talents consisting of Filipino scientists, entrepreneurs,  
48 professionals, [managers,] high-level technical manpower, and skilled workers  
49 and craftsmen in all fields [shall be promoted by the State]. The State shall  
50 encourage appropriate technology and regulate **ITS USE** and transfer for the  
51 national benefit.  
52

53 The practice of all professions in the Philippines shall be limited to Filipino  
54 citizens [, save] **EXCEPT** in cases prescribed by law **AND WHEN OTHER**  
55 **STATES RESPECT THE RULE OF RECIPROCITY ON THE PRACTICE**  
56 **OF PROFESSION.**  
57

58 [Section 15. The Congress shall create an agency to promote the viability  
59 and growth of cooperatives as instruments for social justice and economic  
60 development.]

1  
2 Section 16. The Congress shall not, except by general law, provide for the  
3 formation, organization, or regulation of private corporations. Government-  
4 owned or controlled corporations may be created or established by special  
5 charters in the interest of the common good and subject to the test of economic  
6 viability.

7  
8 Section 17. In times of national emergency, **THE STATE MAY**, when the  
9 public interest so requires and under reasonable terms prescribed by it,  
10 temporarily **DIRECT OR** take over the operation of any privately-owned public  
11 utility or business **WHICH** affect public interest.

12  
13 Section 18. The State may, in the interest of national welfare or defense,  
14 establish and operate vital industries. Upon **TIMELY** payment of just  
15 compensation, **THE STATE SHALL** transfer to public ownership utilities and  
16 other private enterprises to be operated by the Government.

17  
18 [Section 19. The State shall regulate or prohibit monopolies when the  
19 public interest so requires. No combinations in restraint of trade or unfair  
20 competition shall be allowed.]

21  
22 Section 20. The Congress shall establish an independent central monetary  
23 authority, the members of whose governing board must be natural-born Filipino  
24 citizens, of known probity, integrity, and patriotism, the majority of whom shall  
25 come from the private sector. They shall also be subject to such other  
26 qualifications and [ disabilities] **LIMITATIONS** as may be prescribed by law.  
27 The authority shall provide policy direction in the areas of money, banking, and  
28 credit. It shall have supervision over the operations of banks and exercise such  
29 regulatory powers as may be provided by law over the operations of finance  
30 companies and other similar institutions performing similar functions.

31  
32 Until the Congress otherwise provides, the [Central Bank of the Philippines]  
33 **BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS**, operating under existing laws, shall  
34 function as the central monetary authority.

35  
36 Section 21. Foreign loans may only be incurred in accordance with law and  
37 the regulation of the monetary authority. Information on foreign loans obtained  
38 or guaranteed by the Government shall be made available to **CONGRESS AND**  
39 to the public.

40  
41 Section 22. Acts which circumvent or negate any of the provisions of this  
42 Article shall be considered inimical to the national interest and subject to  
43 criminal and civil sanctions, as may be provided by law.

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46 **3.) The following Sections of Article XV – Social Justice and**  
47 **Human Rights shall be amended to read, as follows:**

48  
49 **HEALTH**

50  
51 Section 11. The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive  
52 approach to health development **AND HEALTH PROMOTION** which shall  
53 endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all  
54 at affordable cost. [Their shall be priority for] The needs of the underprivileged,  
55 sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children **SHALL BE PRIORITIZED**. The  
56 State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

57  
58 Section 12. The State shall establish and maintain an effective food and  
59 drug regulatory system and [undertake appropriate] **SHALL PROMOTE**  
60 **HEALTH [,] AWARENESS AND SICKNESS PREVENTION, manpower**

1 **development [and], research AND OVERALL HEALTH BENEFITS**  
 2 **responsive to the health needs OF ITS CITIZENRY.**

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 4 **Section 13 is deleted and a new Section is inserted to read**  
 5 **as follows:**

6  
 7 Section 13. The State shall [establish a special agency for disabled  
 8 **persons for their rehabilitation, self-development, and self-reliance,**  
 9 **and their integration into the mainstream of society.] STRENGTHEN**  
 10 **THE CAPABILITY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTIONS IN ALL**  
 11 **PROVINCES TO ADDRESS THE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF ITS**  
 12 **COMMUNITIES AND ALLOW ITS EXPANSION IN PARTNERSHIP**  
 13 **WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR BUT NOT LIMITED TO PROMOTION**  
 14 **OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, UPGRADE OF EQUIPMENT AND**  
 15 **MANPOWER TRAININGS.**

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 18 **4.) Sections 3 and 4 of Article XIV – Education, Science, and**  
 19 **Technology, Arts, Culture and Sports shall be amended to**  
 20 **read as follows:**

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 22 **On the EDUCATION heading, Subsections 2 and 3 is hereby deleted.**  
 23 **Section 3 shall be amended to read as follows:**

24  
 25 Section 3. [1.] All educational institutions shall include the study of the  
 26 Constitution as part of the curricula. **STUDENTS IN PRE-SCHOOL,**  
 27 **ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL SHALL BE INSTILLED WITH A**  
 28 **GOOD FOUNDATION IN THE SUBJECTS OF LANGUAGE, MATH,**  
 29 **SCIENCE, GEOGRAPHY AND GOOD MORAL VALUES INCLUDING**  
 30 **RESPECT AND APPRECIATION OF OUR DIVERSE PEOPLE'S**  
 31 **CULTURE, HISTORY AND RELIGION.**

32  
 33 [2. They shall inculcate patriotism and nationalism, foster love of humanity,  
 34 respect for human rights, and appreciation of the role of national heroes in the  
 35 historical development of the country, teach the rights and duties of citizenship,  
 36 strengthen ethical and spiritual values, develop moral character and personal  
 37 discipline, encourage critical and creative thinking, broaden scientific and  
 38 technological knowledge, and promote vocational efficiency.]

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 40 [3. At the option expressed in writing by the parents or guardians, religion shall  
 41 be allowed to be taught to their children or wards in public elementary and high  
 42 schools within the regular class hours by instructors designated or approved by  
 43 the religious authorities of the religion to which the children or wards belong,  
 44 without additional cost to the government.]

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 46 **Subsection 2 of Section 4 shall be amended to read as follows:**

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 48 (2.) Educational institutions **AT THE PRE-SCHOOL, ELEMENTARY AND**  
 49 **HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS**, other than those established by religious groups and  
 50 mission boards, shall be owned solely by citizens of the Philippines or  
 51 [corporations or associations or ] **OTHER JURIDICAL ENTITIES** at least  
 52 sixty per centum of [the] its capital [which] is owned by such citizens. [The  
 53 Congress may, however, require increased Filipino equity participation in all  
 54 educational institutions.]

55  
 56 [The control and administration of educational institutions shall be vested in  
 57 citizens of the Philippines.]

58  
 59 [No educational institution shall be established exclusively for aliens and no  
 60 group of aliens shall comprise more than one-third of the enrolment in any



1 school. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to schools established for  
 2 foreign diplomatic personnel and their dependents and, unless otherwise  
 3 provided by law, for other foreign temporary residents.]  
 4

5 **THE CONGRESS SHALL PASS A LAW ALLOWING PRIVATE AND**  
 6 **FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ESTABLISH**  
 7 **HIGHER LEARNING FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY AND SHALL**  
 8 **CATER TO LOCAL AND FOREIGN STUDENTS.**  
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 11 **5.) Sections 1 – 9 are retained and Sections 10 of Article XVI**  
 12 **– General Provisions is hereby amended to read, as**  
 13 **follows:**  
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15 Section 1. The flag of the Philippines shall be red, white, and blue, with a  
 16 sun and three stars, as consecrated and honored by the people and recognized by  
 17 law.

18 Section 2. The Congress may, by law, adopt a new name for the country, a  
 19 national anthem, or a national seal, which shall all be truly reflective and  
 20 symbolic of the ideals, history, and traditions of the people. Such law shall take  
 21 effect only upon its ratification by the people in a national referendum.

22 Section 3. The State may not be sued without its consent.

23 Section 4. The Armed Forces of the Philippines shall be composed of a  
 24 citizen armed force which shall undergo military training and serve as may be  
 25 provided by law. It shall keep a regular force necessary for the security of the  
 26 State.

27 Section 5. (1) All members of the armed forces shall take an oath or  
 28 affirmation to uphold and defend this Constitution.

29 (2) The State shall strengthen the patriotic spirit and nationalist  
 30 consciousness of the military, and respect for people's rights in the performance  
 31 of their duty.

32 (3) Professionalism in the armed forces and adequate remuneration and  
 33 benefits of its members shall be a prime concern of the State. The armed forces  
 34 shall be insulated from partisan politics.

35 No member of the military shall engage, directly or indirectly, in any  
 36 partisan political activity, except to vote.

37 (4) No member of the armed forces in the active service shall, at any time,  
 38 be appointed or designated in any capacity to a civilian position in the  
 39 Government, including government-owned or controlled corporations or any of  
 40 their subsidiaries.

41 (5) Laws on retirement of military officers shall not allow extension of  
 42 their service.

43 (6) The officers and men of the regular force of the armed forces shall be  
 44 recruited proportionately from all provinces and cities as far as practicable.

45 (7) The tour of duty of the Chief of Staff of the armed forces shall not  
 46 exceed three years. However, in times of war or other national emergency  
 47 declared by the Congress, the President may extend such tour of duty.

1 Section 6. The State shall establish and maintain one police force, which  
2 shall be national in scope and civilian in character, to be administered and  
3 controlled by a national police commission. The authority of local executives over  
4 the police units in their jurisdiction shall be provided by law.

5 Section 7. The State shall provide immediate and adequate care, benefits,  
6 and other forms of assistance to war veterans and veterans of military campaigns,  
7 their surviving spouses and orphans. Funds shall be provided therefor and due  
8 consideration shall be given them in the disposition of agricultural lands of the  
9 public domain and, in appropriate cases, in the utilization of natural resources.

10 Section 8. The State shall, from time to time, review to increase the  
11 pensions and other benefits due to retirees of both the government and the  
12 private sectors.

13 Section 9. The State shall protect consumers from trade malpractices and  
14 from substandard or hazardous products.

15 Section 10. The State shall provide the policy environment for the full  
16 development of Filipino capability and the emergence of **NEW**  
17 **TECHNOLOGIES IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE,**  
18 **ENGINEERING, MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH,**  
19 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ADVANCE** communication [structures]  
20 facilities [suitable] **RESPONSIVE** to the needs **OF THE CITIZENRY** and  
21 **CONSISTENT WITH THE** aspirations of the nation [and the balanced flow of  
22 information into, out of, and across the country, in accordance with a policy that  
23 respects the freedom of speech and of the press].

24 **THE CONGRESS MAY, BY LAW, PROVIDE THE MECHANISMS FOR**  
25 **THE PROMOTION AND ENTRY OF THESE NEW TECHNOLOGIES TO**  
26 **OUR COUNTRY TO IMPROVE OUR COMPETITIVENESS AND**  
27 **STRENGTHEN THE CAPABILITY OF OUR CITIZENS IN THE**  
28 **DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL MARKET.**

29 **Sections 11 and 12 of Article XVI – General Provisions shall be**  
30 **deleted.**

31 [Section 11. (1) The ownership and management of mass media shall be  
32 limited to citizens of the Philippines, or to corporations, cooperatives or  
33 associations, wholly-owned and managed by such citizens.

34 The Congress shall regulate or prohibit monopolies in commercial mass media  
35 when the public interest so requires. No combinations in restraint of trade or  
36 unfair competition therein shall be allowed.

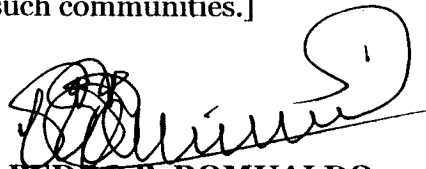
37 (2) The advertising industry is impressed with public interest, and shall be  
38 regulated by law for the protection of consumers and the promotion of the  
39 general welfare.

40 Only Filipino citizens or corporations or associations at least seventy *per centum*  
41 of the capital of which is owned by such citizens shall be allowed to engage in the  
42 advertising industry.

43 The participation of foreign investors in the governing body of entities in such  
44 industry shall be limited to their proportionate share in the capital thereof, and  
45 all the executive and managing officers of such entities must be citizens of the  
46 Philippines.

1 Section 12. The Congress may create a consultative body to advise the  
2 President on policies affecting indigenous cultural communities, the majority of  
3 the members of which shall come from such communities.]  
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