

Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
**Senate**

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RESOLUTION NO. 47

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT  
OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO  
THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND THE  
RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT IN PROHIBITING  
AND ELIMINATING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT  
THE GLOBAL LEVEL

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 8 of the 1987  
Constitution declares that the Philippines, consistent with  
the national interest, adopts and pursues a policy of  
freedom from nuclear weapons in its territory:

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are approximately  
14,900 nuclear warheads as of early 2017 existing  
worldwide, according to the Federation of American

Scientists, an organization dedicated to reduce the spread and number of nuclear weapons;

WHEREAS, given the real and serious threat and the catastrophic global consequences of any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or not, and its general incompatibility with international humanitarian law, the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons is a humanitarian imperative;

WHEREAS, the International Red Cross and the Red Crescent Movement more broadly called for the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons following the 1945 Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings; and in 2011, appealed to all States to pursue in good faith and conclude with urgency and determination negotiations to prohibit the use of and completely eliminate nuclear weapons through a legally binding international agreement, based on existing commitments and international obligations;

WHEREAS, the International Red Cross and the Red Crescent Movement made an appeal *Never again: Nagasaki must be the last atomic bombing* to all States to take a decisive step towards a world without nuclear weapons in Nagasaki on April 26, 2017;

WHEREAS, a treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons at the global level will have important benefits and reinforce the stigma against their use and be a basis to advance their elimination pursuant to the 1968 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and other relevant treaties and resolutions: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, as it is hereby resolved, To express the full support of the Senate of the Philippines to the International Red Cross, and the Red Crescent Movement in prohibiting and eliminating nuclear weapons at the global level.*

Adopted,

  
AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III  
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on  
May 10, 2017.

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LUTGARDO B. BARBO

*Secretary of the Senate*

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