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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON TOBACCO CONTROL**

**WHEREAS**, the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control was adopted by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 21 May 2003 and signed by the Philippines on 23 September 2003;

**WHEREAS**, the Convention, the first treaty ever negotiated under the auspices of the WHO, is an evidence-based treaty that reaffirms the right of all people to the highest standard of health and represents a paradigm shift in developing a regulatory strategy to address addictive substances;

**WHEREAS**, The Convention, consisting of thirty-eight (38) articles, aims to protect the present and future generations from the devastating health, social, environmental and economic consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke by providing measures to reduce continually and substantially the prevalence of tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke;

**WHEREAS**, the Convention requires countries to impose restrictions on tobacco advertising, sponsorships and promotion; establish new packaging and labeling of tobacco products; adopt measures for protection from exposure to tobacco; and eliminate illicit trade, manufacturing and counterfeiting of tobacco products;

**WHEREAS**, the Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day following the date of deposit of the fortieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval, formal confirmation or accession with the Depository. For each State that ratifies, accepts or approves the Convention or accedes thereto after its entry into force, the Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day following the date of deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession;

**WHEREAS**, to date 168 countries had signed the Convention and 51 of these had ratified the same;

**WHEREAS**, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 18 January 2005, concerned government agencies such as the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the Department of Agriculture (DA), and the National Tobacco Administration (NTA) and the non-government organizations such as Philippine Tobacco Institute (PTI), Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Alliance Philippines (FCTCAP), Bilin ng Mamamayang Konsumer ng Pilipinas (BILMOKO), and the Institute of Health Policy and Development Studies (IHPDS) of the University of the Philippines-Manila National Institutes of Health, strongly supported for Senate concurrence on the Convention;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 21, Article VII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, *"No treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the members of the Senate"*;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Senate of the Philippines concur as it hereby concurs in the ratification of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

Adopted,

  
**MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO**  
Chairperson