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## TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
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Natural Resources (Technical Working Group)	HBs 54, 113, 1665, 2633 & 2715	Reps. Bag-ao, Baguilat, Cosalan, Villarin, and Zarate	Re-orienting the Philippine mining industry towards national industrialization and ensuring the highest industry development standards	<p>The technical working group (TWG), presided by BAYAN MUNA Party-List Rep. Carlos Isagani Zarate, will deliberate further on the five bills in its next meeting.</p> <p>The TWG focused its discussion on the national industrialization framework and on the proposed establishment of Multi-Sectoral Mineral Councils (MMCs) which will have the power to determine whether or not mining operations shall be allowed.</p> <p>National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) representative Dennis Lim informed the TWG that the comprehensive national industrialization framework that will link and integrate the roadmaps of various sectors, such as agriculture, fisheries, mining, and forestry, is currently being finalized by the NEDA and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).</p> <p>Department of Environment and Natural Resources' (DENR) Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Assistant Director Danilo Uykieng and Metallurgical Technology Division Chief Juancho Calvez presented the MGB's plans for a mineral and metals-led national industrialization.</p> <p>Relative to the establishment of the MMC, representatives from various civil society organizations (CSOs) who were present in the meeting favor its creation, saying that this would ensure transparency and accountability on the part of the government and mining operators in complying with mining laws, rules and regulations, as well as allow the locals to participate in the decision-making process.</p> <p>On the other hand, the MGB and the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines objected to the creation of the MMC, arguing that its multi-sectoral composition may hamper its decision-making as it will have to contend with multiple interests.</p> <p>The proposed MMC is composed of representatives from the MGB, as the convener of the Council, and the affected local government units, peoples/community/sectoral/non-governmental organizations, and indigenous cultural communities/indigenous peoples (ICC/IPs).</p>