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2 Republic of the Philippines
3 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
4 Quezon City

5 **EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**
6 Third Regular Session

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 2170**
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10 **Introduced by**
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12 **CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE and FERDINAND R. GAITE,**
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14 **ACT TEACHERS Party-List Representative FRANCE L. CASTRO,**
15 **and KABATAAN Party-List Representative SARAH JANE I. ELAGO**
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17 **RESOLUTION**
18 **URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN**
19 **INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE OBSERVED LAPSES OF**
20 **THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLE (NCIP) AND**
21 **OTHER OBSERVATIONS IN THE 2020 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT RELEASED**
22 **BY THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT**
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25 **WHEREAS**, the Commission on Audit (COA) released its Annual Audit Report (AAR) on the
26 National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) for Fiscal Year 2020 on August 2021;
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28 **WHEREAS**, in the report, COA observed several lapses in NCIP’s utilization of its budget
29 concerning a workshop tied with the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed
30 Conflict (NTF-ELCAC). The said workshop held in Agusan del Norte last November 2020 was
31 attended by 300 to 500 people, including NCIP commissioners, bureau directors, and other
32 personnel from the NCIP central office in Manila.
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34 **WHEREAS**, the report found that: “meals and accommodations of NCIP RO XIII (Caraga)
35 amounting to Php 1,064,219.06 for NTF-ELCAC Regional Action Planning Workshop were not
36 duly supported with sufficient and complete documentations... casting doubts on the propriety
37 and regularity of the transaction. It also found that the procurement did undergo competitive
38 bidding”;
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40 **WHEREAS**, the COA report found that the NCIP-Caraga overpaid on food and
41 accommodations after the office overestimated the number of participants in its workshop. The
42 COA report stated: “the number of accommodations should have been equal to the number of
43 participants indicated per meal or lower but not higher”;
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45 **WHEREAS**, COA also reported finding revisions in the attendance of the said event, stating in
46 its report: "Further scrutiny of the attendance sheet disclosed that there are alterations made with
47 the date, and there are names listed that did not bear signatures of the participants”;
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49 **WHEREAS**, the COA report also flagged the NCIP-Caraga for failure to collect financial
50 assistance worth Php 14 million from mining company Taganito HPAL Nickel Corporation for
51 the past seven (7) years, depriving indigenous communities;

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2 **WHEREAS**, the NTF-ELCAC has been criticized by indigenous peoples organizations and
3 advocates for its vilification and red-tagging campaigns against indigenous leaders and
4 communities. The report sheds light on the questionable use of government funds by the NCIP
5 in its conduct of the NTF-ELCAC activities;
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7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the
8 House of Representatives conduct an investigation in aid of legislation into the observed lapses of
9 the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) and other observations in the 2020
10 Annual Audit Report released by the Commission on Audit.
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