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## **RESOLUTION NO. 168**

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE RATIFICATION
BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT OF
INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION (ILO)
CONVENTION NO. 188, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
WORK IN FISHING CONVENTION, 2007 (NO. 188)

WHEREAS, the plight of Filipino seafarers as fishing crew in foreign commercial fishing vessels has long been ignored and unaddressed, and the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to fore the abuses, exploitation, unsafe and slave-like work conditions that they have to endure onboard and in international waters while performing critical tasks of providing us much-needed foreign remittances and important sources of food and nourishment;

WHEREAS, occupations in commercial fishing vessels are considered to be among the world's hazardous occupations, and

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and confirmation by the Senate of the Philippines, in the interest of thousands of Filipino seafarers in foreign commercial fishing vessels, including the exporting fisheries sector of the country.

Adopted,

LORD ALLAN AY Q. VELASCO

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on May 25, 2021.

MARK L'ANDRO DONG" L. MENDOZA Secretary General