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RESOLUTION NO. 167

RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY, PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION, OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION, AND OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO CREATE AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE, WHICH SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS DURING SEA MISHAPS AND OTHER MARITIME

Inter-Agency Task Force, which shall be responsible for conducting search and rescue operations of Filipino seafarers during sea mishaps and other maritime incidents occurring in territorial waters, foreign waters and the open seas; looking into cases of missing seafarers while on board their vessels; and ensuring that the families of surviving, missing or dead seafarers will receive appropriate government assistance and legal claims from private entities.


Resolved, further, That to strengthen coordination among the aforementioned agencies and to promote accountability: the Philippine Coast Guard shall lead all search and rescue efforts in relation to sea mishaps or maritime incidents occurring within the Philippine waters; the Department of Foreign Affairs shall lead coordination with the governments of other States and inter-agency coordination for the conduct of search and rescue operations outside the Philippine territory as well as for the presumption of death of missing seafarers; and the Department of Justice shall lead all efforts in ensuring that the families of surviving, missing or dead Filipino crew members will receive appropriate government assistance as well as legal claims and benefits from private entities.

Adopted,



LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker

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



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