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CABLEGRAM DATED 10 AUGUST 1950 FROM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PHILIPPINES ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN REPLY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S CABLEGRAM OF 14 JULY 1950 (S/1619) CONCERNING THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS OF 25 AND 27 JUNE, AND 7 JULY 1950 (S/1501, S/1511, S/1588)

I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES TODAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING CONCURRENT RESOLUTION: "CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO RENDER EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT.

WHEREAS, ON 25 JUNE 1950 THE ARMIES OF NORTH KOREA CROSSED THE THIRTY-EIGHTH PARALLEL AND WITHOUT CAUSE OR PROVOCATION ATTACKED THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA;

WHEREAS, DESPITE THE CEASE FIRE DIRECTIVE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ISSUED ON THE DAY OF THE AGGRESSION, THE NORTH KOREAN ARMIES PRESSED THE ATTACK ON SOUTH KOREA, THEREBY CAUSING THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET AGAIN ON 27 JUNE 1950 AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION CALLING ON ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO 'FURNISH SUCH ASSISTANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO REPEL THE ARMED ATTACK';

WHEREAS, IT IS THE DUTY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES UNDER ARTICLE 25 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER 'TO ACCEPT AND CARRY OUT THE DECISIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL', A DUTY WHICH IS ACCENTUATED BY THE FACT THAT THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PHILIPPINES IS THE PRESENT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

WHEREAS, APART FROM ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SHOULD RALLY ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS ACTION IN KOREA BECAUSE THE FATE THAT AWAITS THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN THIS CRUCIAL CONTEST MAY WELL DECIDE THE FATE OF SMALL AND MILITARILY WEAK NATIONS LIKE THE PHILIPPINES;

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WHEREAS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES IN HIS SPECIAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, DECLARED THAT 'THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT HAS PLEDGED ITS SUPPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS EFFORT IN KOREA TO THE LIMIT OF ITS AVAILABLE RESOURCES'. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES CONCURRING, TO EXPRESS, AS IT DOES HEREBY

EXPRESS, THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES THAT THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SHOULD RENDER EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT, INCLUDING THE PARTICIPATION OF FILIPINO TROOPS, AND TO INFORM, AS IT DOES HEREBY INFORM, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES OF ITS READINESS TO ADOPT SUCH MEASURES AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND ADEQUATE TO RENDER SUCH ASSISTANCE IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME."

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AFOREQUOTED RESOLUTION WHICH BESPEAKS THE SENTIMENT OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE AND IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST OF 14 JULY 1950 FOR ADDITIONAL EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE, I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, IN A MESSAGE TO THE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN KOREA, TODAY OFFERED TO PLACE AT HIS DISPOSAL ONE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE THOUSAND OFFICERS AND MEN FOR SERVICE WITH THE FORCES UNDER HIS UNIFIED COMMAND. THIS OFFER IS ADDITIONAL EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE AND IS IN FURTHER COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS OF 25 AND 27 JUNE 1950 WHICH THE PHILIPPINES HAS PREVIOUSLY HONORED BY DISPATCHING TO KOREA 17 SHERMAN TANKS AND ONE TANK DESTROYER AND BY OFFERING TO CONTRIBUTE COMMODITIES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS. INSIGNIFICANT AS THIS ASSISTANCE MAY SEEM IN COMPARISON WITH THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHER MEMBER NATIONS MORE FAVORABLY CIRCUMSTANCED, MY PEOPLE ARE OFFERING IT WITHIN OUR LIMITED MEANS IMPELLED BY THE HIGH IDEALS THAT GAVE LIFE TO OUR REPUBLIC AND BY THE COMPELLING DESIRE TO PLACE OURSELVES AGAIN ON THE SIDE OF AMERICA AND OTHER PEACE LOVING NATIONS IN THE DEFENSE OF THOSE IDEALS.

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