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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE WOMEN'S NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "FILIPINAS," FOR QUALIFYING IN THE 2023 WOMEN'S FIFA WORLD CUP FOLLOWING THEIR HISTORIC QUARTERFINAL WIN AGAINST CHINESE-TAIPEI IN THE AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP IN PUNE, INDIA

1 **WHEREAS**, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Asian Cup is an association
2 football competition that is considered as the second largest continental football
3 championship in the world, participated by members of the AFC, which determines the
4 football champion of Asia;¹

5 **WHEREAS**, last 30 January 2022, the Philippine Women's National Football Team,
6 also known as "*Filipinas*," fearlessly battled and won against Chinese-Taipei in the
7 quarterfinal of the AFC Women's Asian Cup at the Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in
8 Pune, India;²

¹ AFC Asian Cup. (n.d.). *The AFC*. https://www.the-afc.com/en/national/afc_asian_cup.html

² Terrado, R. (2022, January 31). Dramatic shootout win over Taiwan seals historic PH trip to World Cup. *Spin.ph*. <https://www.spin.ph/football/philippines-beats-taiwan-in-shootout-to-seal-world-cup-spot-a795-20220130>

1 **WHEREAS**, this victory allows them to qualify for the 2023 Women’s FIFA World
2 Cup, marking it the first time for any Philippine Football team, either men’s or women’s,
3 to secure a spot in the FIFA World Cup;

4 **WHEREAS**, the *Filipinas’* historic journey to qualify in the 2023 Women’s FIFA
5 World Cup showcased their vigor and prowess, having topped its group in the qualification
6 round in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in September 2021³ and winning its matches against
7 Thailand and Indonesia in the group stage, only losing to Australia;

8 **WHEREAS**, thereafter, the *Filipinas* debuted in the semi-finals in a match against
9 South Korea in February 2022, the Philippines’ first ever appearance in the AFC Women’s
10 Asian Cup semi-finals;⁴

11 **WHEREAS**, the *Filipinas* moved from the 64th to 54th rank in the FIFA World
12 Rankings, following their stellar performance in the AFC;⁵

13 **WHEREAS**, they are currently ranked 53rd, their highest standing to date, based
14 on the latest rankings of FIFA which was released in 17 June 2022;⁶

15 **WHEREAS**, this is an impressive feat considering that the rankings were released⁷
16 prior to their winning the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) Championship, which was held
17 in Manila last 17 July 2022;⁸

³ Lozada, B. (2021, September 21) PH women’s football team all set for Asian Cup qualifiers. *Inquirer*.
<https://sports.inquirer.net/436300/ph-womens-football-team-all-set-for-asian-cup-qualifiers>

⁴ Terrado, R. (2022, January 31). Dramatic shootout win over Taiwan seals historic PH trip to World Cup.
Spin.ph. <https://www.spin.ph/football/philippines-beats-taiwan-in-shootout-to-seal-world-cup-spot-a795-20220130>

⁵ ABS-CBN News. (2022, June 19). Filipinas rise in FIFA rankings anew. *ABS CBN*. <https://news.abs-cbn.com/amp/sports/06/19/22/football-filipinas-rise-in-fifa-rankings-anew>

⁶ FIFA. (2022, June 17). Women’s Ranking. *FIFA*. https://www.fifa.com/fifa-world-ranking/women?dateId=ranking_20220617

⁷ ABS-CBN News. (2022, June 19). Filipinas rise in FIFA rankings anew. *ABS CBN*. <https://news.abs-cbn.com/amp/sports/06/19/22/football-filipinas-rise-in-fifa-rankings-anew>

⁸ Terrado, J. (2022, July 17). Filipinas capture historic AFF Women’s Championship crown, blank Thailand. *Inquirer*. <https://sports.inquirer.net/470368/filipinas-capture-historic-aff-womens-championship-crown-blanks-thailand>

1 **WHEREAS**, through hard work, determination, and perseverance, the *Filipinas*
2 were able to qualify in the Women’s FIFA World Cup, bringing honor and pride to the
3 nation and proving the undeniable talent and skills of Filipino athletes;

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Senate of the Philippines
5 congratulates and commends the Philippine Women’s National Football Team, also known
6 as the “Filipinas,” for qualifying in the 2023 Women’s FIFA World Cup following their
7 historic quarterfinal win against Chinese-Taipei in the AFC Women’s Asian Cup in Pune,
8 India.

Adopted,

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