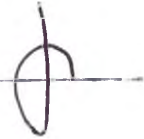


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SENATE

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Introduced by SEN. WIN GATCHALIAN

RESOLUTION
**EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN RECOGNIZING THE
ENDURING AMITY AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES AND REPUBLIC OF POLAND AND COMMEMORATING
THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Poland are
2 celebrating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations
3 between the two States, which began on 22 September 1973¹;

4
5 **WHEREAS**, the past five decades has witnessed closer ties between the
6 two countries as demonstrated by the bilateral trade agreement between the
7 Philippines and Poland back in 1977 and the succeeding diplomatic visits
8 throughout the years between government officials of both countries, including
9 members of its respective Parliaments;

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11 **WHEREAS**, one of the most recent diplomatic visits of Polish officials in
12 Manila was on 20 September 2022 with the Department of Agriculture (DA) to
13 further enhance the agricultural trade and cooperation of both countries²;

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15 **WHEREAS**, the bilateral trade between the Philippines and Poland has
16 expanded over the years as evidenced by the growth in Poland's export to the

¹ <https://www.gov.pl/web/philippines/bilateral-relations>; Last accessed on July 2, 2023.

² <https://www.da.gov.ph/gallery/courtesy-meeting-with-poland-charge-daffaires-september-20-2022/>; Last accessed on July 2, 2023.

1 Philippines by US\$284.8 million from US\$18.2 Million in 1995 to US\$303 Million in
2 2021 and the considerable increase in Philippine export to Poland by US\$505.5
3 million from US\$11.5Million in 1995 to US\$517 Million in 2021⁴;

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5 **WHEREAS**, aside from economic and political cooperation, the friendship
6 between the two States was further bolstered with the pursuit of strengthening
7 defense cooperation between the two countries, particularly in logistical
8 requirements, armament, purchase of military equipment, defense industry and
9 technology transfer for the Philippine Armed Forces;⁵

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11 **WHEREAS**, as a gesture of solidarity and friendship, the Polish people have
12 provided humanitarian assistance for Yolanda victims, raising at least some
13 US\$366,000.00 for the relief and rehabilitation efforts.⁶ During the height of the
14 Covid-19 pandemic, the Polish government has also donated some 547,100 doses
15 of vaccines in support of the Philippine government's vaccination drive;⁷

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17 **WHEREAS**, Poland considers the Philippines as its important and promising
18 partner in Southeast Asia as Poland expressed its support in ensuring food security
19 by providing access to Polish agri-food products, and backs the country's plan to
20 digitalize government operations and further enhance the digital economy;⁸

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22 **WHEREAS**, the continuing mutual cooperation and friendship between the
23 Philippines and Poland have contributed to the promotion of diplomatic relations,
24 economic and trade growth, as well as agricultural partnership;

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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolved by the
27 Senate of the Philippines to recognize the enduring amity and cooperation between
28 the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Poland and to commemorate
29 the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two States;

⁴ <https://oec.world/en/profile/bilateral-country/pol/partner/ph?redirect=true>; Last accessed on July 2, 2023.

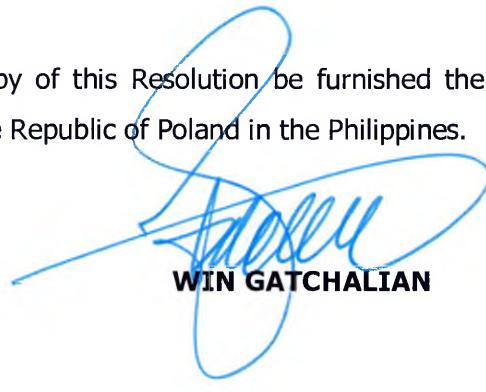
⁵ <https://filipino.news/2021/11/30/defense-cooperation-of-ph-and-poland-adopted/>; Last accessed on July 2, 2023.

⁶ <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2013/12/05/polish-humanitarian-action-raises-366000-for-yolanda-victims-group-to-continue-fundraising-activities/>; Last accessed on July 2, 2023.

⁷ <https://www.gov.pl/web/philippines/poland-donates-vaccines-to-the-philippines>; Last accessed on July 2, 2023.

⁸ <https://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/poland-supports-philippines-in-combating-covid-19>; Last accessed on July 2, 2023.

1 **RESOLVED, FINALLY**, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the
2 Republic of Poland and the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in the Philippines.
3 *Adopted,*



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Win Gatchalian', is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible due to its cursive nature.

WIN GATCHALIAN