



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Legal Affairs Service
Policy and Planning Service
Climate Change Service

The Bureau Directors
Land Management Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Biodiversity and Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau

The Officer-in-Charge
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

The General Manager
Laguna Lake Development Authority

The Executive Directors
River Basin Control Office
Manila Bay Coordinating Office
National Water Resources Board

All Regional Executive Directors

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1024, "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEES TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE IMPENDING RETURN OF EL NIÑO IN 2023 THAT THREATENS TO IMPACT THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR, AFFECT ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES, AND STOKE INFLATION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF MITIGATING ITS EFFECTS, DELIVERING STABLE AND RELIABLE ELECTRICITY, AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED FARMERS" OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 09 August 2023

In reference to the letter received by our Office dated 07 August 2023, the Committee on Climate Change of the House of Representatives will be having a deliberation on **House Resolution No. 1024**:

- **"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEES TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE IMPENDING RETURN OF EL NIÑO IN 2023 THAT THREATENS TO IMPACT THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR, AFFECT ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES, AND STOKE INFLATION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF MITIGATING**

ITS EFFECTS, DELIVERING STABLE AND RELIABLE ELECTRICITY, AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED FARMERS”

In this regard, may we respectfully request **for comments and recommendations on the abovementioned resolution, in anticipation of the Committee meetings**, as requested by the Committee. Kindly send them on or before **Friday, 11 August 2023, at 5 PM** via email at denrlo@denr.gov.ph.

Attached herewith are the Letter Invitation, and the House Resolution for your reference.


ROMIROSE B. PADIN

Cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs
Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change
Undersecretary for Integrated Environmental Science



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City

COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

07 August 2023

HON. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Dear Sec. Loyzaga:

We wish to inform you that the **House Resolution (HR) No. 1024**, *entitled: RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEES TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE IMPENDING RETURN OF EL NINO IN 2023 THAT THREATENS TO IMPACT THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR, AFFECT ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES, AND STOKE INFLATION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF MITIGATING ITS EFFECTS, DELIVERING STABLE AND RELIABLE ELECTRICITY, AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED FARMERS,* authored by Rep. Camille A. Villar has been referred to the Committee on Climate Change of the House of Representatives on 26 July 2023.

The Committee on Climate Change is tentatively set to deliberate on above measure on 22 August 2023. In view of this, we would like to request a **position paper** from your good office on the said resolution. We would also appreciate it if you could send it *via email at committee.climatechange@house.gov.ph* before the scheduled meeting.

Attached is the electronic copy of HR 1024 for your easy reference.

Should you need more information, please contact the Committee Secretary at 09277193534 or Ms. MeAnne Ordovez at 09154448595.

Thank you and we are hoping for your positive action in this regard.

Very truly yours,

HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO

Chairperson

For the Chairperson:

ROMMEL M. REYES

Committee Secretary

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. **1024**



Introduced by Representative CAMILLE A. VILLAR

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEES TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE IMPENDING RETURN OF EL NINO IN 2023 THAT THREATENS TO IMPACT THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR, AFFECT ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES, AND STOKE INFLATION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF MITIGATING ITS EFFECTS, DELIVERING STABLE AND RELIABLE ELECTRICITY, AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED FARMERS

Whereas, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;

Whereas, the state weather bureau predicts that the Philippines will start to experience warmer days ahead and below normal rainfall or an "El Nino" episode in mid-2023 or the latter part of the year¹;

Whereas, previous experience from El Nino phenomenon points to a decline in agricultural output, affecting the farming and fishing subsectors due to prolonged drought, affecting the livelihood in the agricultural sector and threatening food security;

¹ Antonio, J. "Warmer days ahead: El Niño to develop in second half of 2023, says PAGASA." 21 March 2023. <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/03/21/23/el-nio-to-develop-in-second-half-of-2023-pagasa>. <https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1951789/davao/local-news/el-nino-to-affect-several-essential-food-crops>

Whereas, the impending El Nino threatens to affect corn, vegetables and other high-value crops², thus possibly stoking the already elevated inflation levels;

Whereas, in previous years, the lingering effects of El Nino added to inflation woes;

Whereas, apart from agriculture, water resources, power generation, health and sanitation and other sectors are likely to be impacted by El Nino, and concerned state agencies must prepare to mitigate the impacts of severe weather conditions;

Whereas, according to the National Grid Corp. of the Philippines, peak demand was 8,710 MW in Luzon, 1,584 MW in the Visayas and 1,692 MW in Mindanao as of Feb. 18³, operating margins were so far stable with 12,338 MW, 2,106 MW and 3,078 MW total generating capacity in Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao, respectively;

Whereas, although no power interruptions loom in the horizon in 2023, industry stakeholders predict thin power reserves and possible power supply woes for the rest of the year⁴—even rotating brownouts especially during the summer months, which may affect certain sectors;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Committee on Agriculture and Food, Committee on Energy, and other appropriate House committees look into possible government interventions in the light of the impending return of El Nino in 2023 that threatens to impact the agriculture sector, affect essential and non-essential industries, and stoke inflation, with the end in view of mitigating its effects, delivering stable and reliable electricity, and providing the necessary assistance to affected farmers.

Adopted,


CAMILLE A. VILLAR

² *Ibid.*

³ <https://www.ngcp.ph>

⁴ Lagare, J. "Philippine power reserves thin in 2023; but no red alert just yet." 20 Feb. 2023. www.inquirer.net.
<https://business.inquirer.net/387331/philippine-power-reserves-thin-in-2023-but-no-red-alert-just-yet>