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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 589



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**Introduced by Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento**

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**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION  
TO THE 31<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) ASSEMBLY  
FOR REPRESENTING THE COUNTRY AND ENSURING THAT THE  
PHILIPPINES IS REELECTED TO THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) UNDER CATEGORY C FOR THE  
BIENNIUM 2020 TO 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) is the United Nations specialized agency with the responsibility for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine and atmospheric pollution by ships;

**WHEREAS**, the IMO has the support of all maritime nations in the world. Compliance with the minimum standards of the IMO ensures that the global shipping community will acknowledge the Philippines as a trade partner;

**WHEREAS**, ensuring the safety of our passengers is of prime importance. Our citizens rely on the safety and efficiency of our transportation sector in their daily lives, especially our aviation sector since the country is an archipelago;

**WHEREAS**, the IMO Council is the executive organ of the IMO and is responsible, under the IMO Assembly, for supervising the work of the Organization. The Council is made up of 40 member states;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines aims to be reelected as a member of the IMO Council for the biennium 2020 to 2021 under Category C which are composed of 20 States not elected under the other categories that have special interests in maritime transport or navigation and whose election to the Council will ensure the representation of all major geographic areas of the world;

**WHEREAS**, the elections occurred during the 31<sup>st</sup> IMO Assembly Meeting in London last November 26, 2019 to December 1, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the country was represented by the following government officials:

**Philippine Embassy in London:**

1. PR Amb. Antonio M. Lagdameo
2. DPR Senen T. Mangalile
3. AR Ana Marie L. Hernando
4. MA Sonia B. Malaluan
5. Capt. Weniell C. Azcuna

**Department of Foreign Affairs**

1. Assec. Generoso D.G. Calonge
2. Assec. Noralyn J. Baja
3. Dir. Jay Francis G. Alcantara
4. Dir. Kristine Margaret M. Malang

**Maritime Industry Authority**

1. VADM Narciso A. Vingson Jr.
2. Samuel L. Batalla
3. Harold G. Tarun

**Philippine Coast Guard**

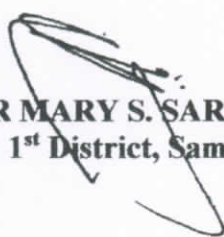
1. RADM George V. Ursabia, Jr.
2. Capt. Eustacio Nimrod P. Enriquez

**House of Representatives**

1. Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento
2. Rep. Johnny T. Pimentel
3. Rep. Claudine Diana D. Bautista
4. Rep. Sandro L. Gonzales
5. Atty. Edward S. Relucio;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines was once again reelected to the Council of the International Organization (IMO) under Category C for the biennium 2020 to 2021.;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives, to commend the Philippine Delegation to the 31<sup>st</sup> IMO Assembly for representing the country and ensuring that the country will be reelected to the IMO Council.

  
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