

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Quezon Hall, Teachers Camp, Baguio City

September 9-10, 2011

**Resolution No. 01, Series of 2011**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>A RESOLUTION OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' REGIONAL ASSEMBLY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO RATIFY AND IMPLEMENT THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO) CONVENTION NO. 169 OR THE CONVENTION ON INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL PEOPLES, 1989</b>
<b>SUBJECT MATTER</b>	<b>RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION CONVENTION 169 INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL PEOPLES, 1989</b>
<b>MOVED BY:</b>	<b>MR. AMADOR P. BATAY-AN Applai, Mountain Province and NCIP Director, Region 2</b>
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	<b>MAJORITY OF THE ATTENDING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FROM REGIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND CAR, LUZON PHILIPPINES</b>
<b>DECISION:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY CONSENSUS</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 10, 2011</b>

**WHEREAS:**

*“The sovereign Filipino people, imploring the aid of Almighty God in order to build a just and humane society”* has, in 1987 Constitution of the Philippines, declared as **State Policy** that the “State recognizes and promotes the rights of Indigenous Cultural Communities within the framework of national unity and development”;

Pursuant to the aspiration *“to build a just and humane society”* and the policy to “recognize and promote” the rights of the *“Indigenous Cultural Communities”*, the same Constitution also provided for the creation of *“autonomous regions in Muslim Mindanao and in the Cordilleras”* which areas are predominantly occupied by

*“Indigenous Cultural Communities”*, manifesting thereby a recognition of these Indigenous Peoples’ rights to self-determination and active participation in their own development;

The International Labour Organisation (ILO), to which the Philippine is a member, adopted during its 76<sup>th</sup> Session in 07 June 1989, what is known as *“Convention 169 Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989”* which enumerates in its “Articles” the rights of “Indigenous and tribal peoples” which rights the Philippine State through its 1987 Constitution, *“recognizes and promotes”* (policy of the States);

The Philippine government, as of date, has not ratified the ILO’s *“Convention 169 Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989”* which is an international convention recognizing the rights of the Indigenous Peoples:

The ratification and full implementation of the provisions of the ILO’s *“Convention 169 Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989”* by the Philippine Government will contribute directly and immeasurably towards **national unity, peace** and consequently to **sustained growth and development**;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved as it is HEREBY RESOLVED, to respectfully petition the Philippine Government, through the Office of Senator Loren Legarda, Chairperson, Committee on Cultural Communities of the Philippine Senate, to ratify and implement the ILO’s *“Convention 169 Indigenous and Tribal Peoples’ Convention, 1989*;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, as it is likewise RESOLVED, to request his Excellency, Benigno Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines to certify the ratification of ILO Convention 169 as a priority concern.