

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Quezon Hall, Teachers Camp, Baguio City

September 9-10, 2011

Resolution No. 02, Series of 2011

TITLE:	RESOLUTION FORWARDING TO HONORABLE SENATOR LOREN LEGARDA FOR HER INFORMATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION ISSUES AND CONCERNS OF THE LUZON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES GROUP PERTAINING TO THE RECOGNITION AND PROMOTION OF THEIR RIGHTS AND WELFARE AS INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (ICCs/IPs)
SUBJECT MATTER:	RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF LUZON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
MOVED BY:	MR. MODESTO BAHUL, SR. Tuali, Ifugao Province
SECONDED BY:	MAJORITY OF THE ATTENDING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FROM REGIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND CAR, LUZON PHILIPPINES
DECISION:	APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
DATE:	SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

WHEREAS:

During the Indigenous Peoples Regional Assembly with participants coming from the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) and Regions 1 to 5 (collectively referred to as the Luzon Indigenous Peoples Group) convened by the Honorable Senator Loren Legarda, Senate Committee Chairperson on Cultural Communities on September 9 -10, 2011 at the Quezon Hall, Teachers' Camp, Baguio City, in partnership with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Tourism (DOT), National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), Department of Education (Deped) and International Labour Organization (ILO), the good senator called for the preservation of the cultural integrity of Indigenous Peoples and sustainable development of their ancestral lands and domains as well as promotion of their rights and welfare;

Senator Legarda in the same forum likewise identified numerous environmental issues and concerns that would hamper the development of ancestral

lands/ domains and sought for a united move to protect our degrading environment as a means of achieving proper management of ancestral lands/domains;

This Body supports the position of the Cordillera Regional Council that the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) is the watershed of the North;

The participating indigenous groups voiced out issues and concerns pertaining to their rights and welfare that would aid the Senator in coming up with legislation to further promote their rights and empower them as Indigenous Peoples;

This regional assembly is aimed at addressing the identified needs of the Indigenous Peoples through legislation and an avenue for the body to actively participate in policy and decision making process;

THEREFORE, be it resolved to address the following issues and concerns to the Honorable Senator Loren Legarda, for appropriate legislative action;

1. Amendment of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) redefining the “host community” to include communities upstream who are protecting the watershed ;
2. Amendment of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the EPIRA to increase the share per kilowatt hour of the LGUs concerned;
3. Inclusion in the NSO regular generation processes, the social, economic and other data about indigenous peoples and their families, such that the IPs can be mapped out as to their social, economic and geographic circumstances across the country to end the “invisibility” of the IPs to the national government ;
4. Extend the period provided in Section 64 of the IPRA for the initiation of action for cancellation of officially documented titles which were illegally acquired;
5. Support the Direct Remittance bill of Congressman Baguilat requiring investors to pay their taxes at the place of operation (LGU) not at the principal place of business/office;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to solicit the support of partner agencies for effective implementation and achievement of the foregoing issues and concerns;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to forward copies of this Resolution to the Honorable Senator Loren Legarda and furnish copies hereof to the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) through Honorable Chairperson Zenaida Brigida H. Pawid, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Tourism (DOT), National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), Department of Education (Deped) and International Labour Organization (ILO) and other concerned line agencies, for their information and appropriate action.