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RESOLUTION NO. 12 – 2005

RECOMMENDING TO THE MOTHER NALECC TO SUPPORT SENATE BILL NO. 1962 AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS ACT OF 2002

WHEREAS, ephedrine and pseudoephedrine are main precursors in the manufacture of methamphetamine hydrochloride locally known as shabu, however, the possession of these substances is not punishable under Section 11 of RA 9165;

WHEREAS, big quantities of the above-mentioned substances were seized in clandestine laboratories/storage facilities and interdicted in major seaports, thus, there is a difficulty in the prosecution of cases related thereto;

WHEREAS, ketamine is a drug used in anesthesia induction, however, it has been known internationally to have great potential for abuse as it is used by drug abusers to attain a dissociative “out of body” state with many adverse effects such as numbness, loss of coordination, sense of vulnerability, muscle rigidity, aggressive or violent behavior, slurred speech, exaggerated strength and blank stare;

WHEREAS, there is an indication that ketamine is already being abused in the country based on information gathered from patients confined in drug rehabilitation centers;

WHEREAS, there is a sudden surge of demand for ketamine as reported by importers and distributors in the country and based on recent discoveries of ketamine laboratories where large quantities of said substance were seized;

WHEREAS, thionyl chloride is an essential chemical in the manufacture of methamphetamine hydrochloride locally known as shabu, and large quantities of said substance were seized in clandestine laboratories and in storage facilities;

WHEREAS, under RA 9165, the possession of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine and the importation, sale, trading, dispensing, delivery, distribution, transportation, manufacture, and possession of thionyl chloride and ketamine are not punishable, thus, there is difficulty in the monitoring and prosecution of cases involving the said substances;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1962 was introduced by Sen. Rodolfo G Biazon to amend certain provisions of RA 9165 such as the reclassification of certain uncontrolled drugs and substances which are being used for illegal drug activities;

WHEREAS, during the NALECC 123rd Regular Meeting held at the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC), Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Harrison corner Pablo Ocampo St., Manila on June 30, 2005, the Body unanimously approved the recommendation of the Sub-Committee on Dangerous Drugs and Controlled

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Chemicals (SCDDCC) to support Senate Bill No. 1962 amending certain provisions of RA 9165;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved that the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) as Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Dangerous Drugs and Controlled Chemicals (SCDDCC) will be the lead agency of this Committee in supporting Senate Bill No. 1962 amending certain provisions of RA 9165.

Approved unanimously by this Body this 30th day of June 2005 at the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC), Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Harrison corner Pablo Ocampo St., Manila.

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