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Filipino IT for Elections

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FIT4E CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

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SUPPORT THE FILIPINO IT FOR AUTOMATED ELECTIONS

Iba na ang FIT! The Filipino IT can do it!

WE, THE CONVENERS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE 1ST FILIPINO IT FOR AUTOMATED ELECTIONS (FIT4E) CONFERENCE, hereby declare:

Having attended the FIT4E Conference today in the ICT Month of June, and listening to various speakers and resource persons on the lessons learned from the May 2010 automated elections;

Enlightened by the new approaches and strategies presented at the Conference by IT experts, IT academic leaders, computer scientists, IT security practitioners, and legal experts aimed at ensuring the transparency, security, and auditability of future automated elections;

Believing firmly that the Philippines' automated election system can and should be developed by the Filipino information technology (IT) scientists and professionals - a system that is compliant with the country's election laws, capable of addressing the requirements of transparency, security, auditability, and voter-friendly, as well as consistent with the objectives of the National Search for Product Excellence in IT (AES) as initiated by AES Watch and other organizers of the FIT4E Conference

Now Commit:

To support the harnessing of the Filipino IT sector including the academe, professional organizations, and other groups in developing an alternative election technology that is consistent with the Constitutional principle of promoting indigenous science and technology;

To call on the government especially the Commission on Elections (Comelec), Congress and other stakeholders to institutionalize this initiative as a concerted, nationwide project aimed at establishing a transparent, secure, auditable, and voter-friendly automated elections and in ensuring a trustworthy system that will make democracy work in the country. #

Adopted unanimously on the 13th day of June, 2011, during the FIT4E Conference held at the GT-Toyota Asian Cultural Center, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines.

One year after the Philippines' first automated polls of May 2010, the quest for a reliable and secure election technology continues. This time, it should involve the participation of the country's IT community whose expertise and professionalism counts among the best in the world. The FILIPINO IT can create, innovate, and automate. The Automated Election System Watch believes the FILIPINO can do it. Its conveners engaged in IT, science and technology, citizens' participation and policy study are spearheading this first-ever national conference titled FILIPINO IT for Election (FIT4E) on June 13, 2011 with the country's major national IT organizations at the core of the preparations and participation.

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