

International Agreements in Constitutional Law: The Suspended RP-China (ZTE) Loan Agreement

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In Santiago's speech, the Senator discusses the ZTE Loan Agreement by characterizing it as an executive agreement. "Executive agreements" was defined by the Santiago by touching on how different jurisdictions, particularly the U.S. and the Philippines, as well as the U.N., differentiate such from treaties or international agreements. The Senator then proposes that the ZTE Loan Agreement is an executive agreement which does not need legislative concurrence, based on the criteria provided by the aforesaid sources.