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**PHILIPPINE MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

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**HONORABLE LEADERS, MINISTERS,  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, A PLEASANT  
MORNING TO YOU ALL.**

**THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND  
ITS PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT – THE  
CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, THE  
PRIVATE SECTOR, AND THE ACADEME –  
JOIN HANDS IN SUPPORT OF THE SENDAI  
FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK  
REDUCTION 2015 TO 2030. TODAY, WE  
REITERATE OUR COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT  
TO THE PRIORITIES OF THE SENDAI  
FRAMEWORK AND ITS SEVEN GLOBAL  
TARGETS.**

**OUR COUNTRY FACES NATURAL AND  
HUMAN-INDUCED HAZARDS AND IS  
EXPOSED TO EVOLVING RISKS RELATED TO  
THE CHANGING CLIMATE PATTERNS. OUR  
PRIMARY GOAL REMAINS TO BE THE**

PROTECTION OF LIVES AND PREVENTION OF LOSSES IN PRODUCTIVE ASSETS AND PROTECT OUR ECONOMY. IT IS OUR ASPIRATION TO ENSURE SAFER, DISASTER-RESILIENT, AND CLIMATE CHANGE-ADAPTIVE FILIPINO COMMUNITIES.

THROUGH OUR NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (NDRRMC), THE PHILIPPINES EXEMPLIFIES MULTI-SECTORAL AND MULTI-STAKEHOLDER NATIONAL PLATFORM TOWARD RISK-SENSITIVE DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATIVE RISK MANAGEMENT. SUCH STRUCTURE IS REPLICATED FROM THE NATIONAL DOWN TO THE LOCAL LEVELS IN OUR REGIONS, PROVINCES, CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND BARANGAYS OR VILLAGES.

IN LINE WITH TARGET E OF THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK, THE PHILIPPINES IS NOW UNDERTAKING A REVIEW OF OUR NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT LAW OF 2010 AND OF OUR NATIONAL D-R-R-M PLAN IN AN EFFORT TO BETTER ALIGN THEM WITH THE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS. MOREOVER,

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A NATIONAL LOSS AND DAMAGE REGISTRY THAT WILL COLLECT, ANALYZE, AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON DISASTER RISKS AND LOSSES WITH APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF DISAGGREGATION FOR GENDER, AGE, AND DISABILITY.

THE PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR P-D-P 2017 TO 2022 INCLUDES D-R-R AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES IN VARIOUS SECTORS INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE, AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRIES, SERVICES, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED MORE THAN 300 D-R-R AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PROJECTS AMOUNTING TO 23B US DOLLARS.

OUR COUNTRY COMMITS TO THE USE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATIONS OR S-T-I IN UNDERSTANDING HAZARDS AND RISKS TO SOCIETIES, AND IN PROVIDING SCIENCE-INFORMED SOLUTIONS TO PERVASIVE BUT PREDICTABLE AND MANAGEABLE THREATS. WE ARE WORKING ON HAZARD AND RISK MAPPING AS VITAL COMPONENTS OF OUR

COUNTRY'S NATIONAL AND LOCAL D-R-R PLANNING. MOREOVER, WE SHARE TO THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY OUR S-T-I-BASED SOLUTIONS AS WE BUILD, IN COOPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, A GLOBAL HUB OF S-T-I ON D-R-R. IN ADDITION, WE CASCADE D-R-R IN VARIOUS SECTORS AND ENSURE D-R-R INCLUSION IN OUR SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

OUR CIVIL SOCIETY PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN SUPPORTING PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY FOR RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY IN REACHING THE MOST VULNERABLE SECTORS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. WE COMMIT TO ENHANCE THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN, CHILDREN, YOUTH, ELDERLY, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY, AND OTHER HIGHLY VULNERABLE GROUPS SUCH AS THE POOR AND MARGINALIZED PEOPLE TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER DISASTERS. WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO RAMP-UP ACTIONS AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL IN ORDER TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN LOCAL CAPACITIES TO COPE

WITH DISASTERS AND IMPROVE THEIR RESILIENCE TO HAZARDS.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY IN ENSURING BUSINESS CONTINUITY FOR LIFELINE AND VITAL SERVICES. WE HAVE COORDINATED AND COLLABORATED WITH THE THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE CREATION OF THE WORLD'S FIRST PRIVATE SECTOR-RUN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER. WE HAVE ALSO ORGANIZED PRIVATE SECTOR-LED CONSORTIUM IN ORDER TO ADDRESS RECOVERY EFFORTS FOR HUMAN-INDUCED HAZARDS. WE ARE ALSO EXPLORING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AS REGARDS DISASTER RISK TRANSFER AND FINANCING INSTRUMENTS.

BEYOND OUR NATIONAL BORDERS, WE SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN THE ASEAN AND THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION THAT SHARE SIMILAR RISK PROFILE WITH US. IN LINE WITH SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION, LAST MONTH WE HOSTED IN THE PHILIPPINES A REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON D-R-R, PREPAREDNESS,

AND DISASTER DISPLACEMENT, WHEREIN 11 PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES AND TIMOR LESTE PARTICIPATED. IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SENDAI FRAMEWORK, WE ENDEAVOR TO INTEGRATE ISSUES ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT AND HUMAN MOBILITY IN NATIONAL AND LOCAL D-R-R STRATEGIES.

AS WE ALL STRIVE TO PREVENT DISASTER RISKS AND BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES, TOGETHER WE ARE ON OUR PATH IN ENSURING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL OF US TODAY AND FOR THE NEXT GENERATIONS TO COME.

THANK YOU.

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