

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

Climate Change Commission

26 January 2009

MR. YVO DE BOER

Executive Secretary
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
(UNFCCC) Secretariat

Dear **Mr. de Boer**:

Greetings.

I write in response to your letters of notification, dated 18th and 25th of January 2010, inviting Parties willing to associate themselves to the Copenhagen Accord to send communications by the 31st of January 2010.

Recalling the statement I issued at the closing session of the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark last December 19, 2009, I join the sentiment of a number of Parties to endorse the Copenhagen Accord.

In that statement, I also enumerated key areas that need to be addressed or strengthened in the Accord, beginning with the need to properly reflect the progress made in discussions on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation or REDD+, secondly, the need to emphasize deep and early cuts of GHG Emissions from Annex 1 Countries, and finally, the deep urgency to keep global temperatures below 1.5 degrees.

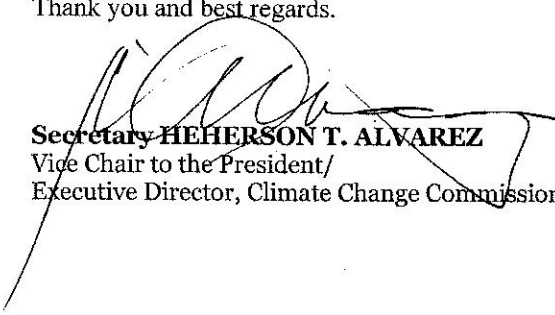
We feel that it is important that Parties begin work towards a legally binding instrument, that is both comprehensive and equitable in substance, within at least a period of 6 months leading to COP16 in Mexico.

Although the Copenhagen Accord was not adopted and only "taken note of", we believe it to be a good basis towards a political consensus anchored in the Framework Convention on Climate Change. We also believe it has the potential to reinvigorate and advance the negotiations under the Ad-hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action and the Ad-hoc Working Group on Further Commitments under the Kyoto Protocol.

In this regard, I hereby submit the Philippine's intention to continually engage in the UNFCCC process. We support the Copenhagen Accord provided that, in the next few months, our specific concerns are addressed, namely that the scale of reductions and the level of ambition put forward by Annex 1 Countries do not fall short of our call for deep and early cuts and that appropriate clarification be provided on the terms and conditions that shall apply to signatories of the Accord, especially in reference to financing.

As for providing communication on our Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions by the 31st of January 2010, the Climate Change Commission will convene immediately to consider appropriate action.

Thank you and best regards.


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