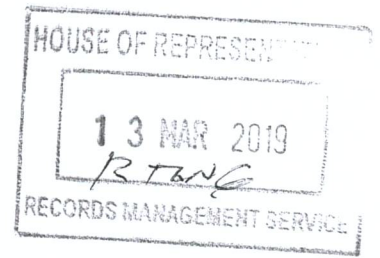




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REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN JESSE C. MANGAOANG
Chairperson
Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities
and Indigenous Peoples
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear **Representative Mangaoang**,

This has reference to the request of the House Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples for the Department to share its comments and suggestions on the draft House Resolution entitled, "A Resolution Calling on His Excellency, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to Address the Recruitment by the New People's Army (NPA) of Members of Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous People's (ICC/IPS), and by Specifically including the IP Concerns in His Administration's Zero to 10-Point Socio-Economic Agenda".

To contribute to the resolution's enhancement, we submit the following recommendations:

1. Under **Title**: Revise to read as:

*A RESOLUTION **URGING HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO ADDRESS THE RECRUITMENT BY THE NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY (NPA) OF MEMBERS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S (ICC/IPS)...***

2. Under the **second paragraph**: Include other statements from other indigenous peoples and groups that are not included in the Mindanao Indigenous People's Council of Elders and Leaders (MIPCEL) as MIPCEL is not reflective of all indigenous people in Mindanao or in the country.
3. Under the **fourth paragraph**: Revise this paragraph as it puts the agency to a bad light. Consider focusing on the review of the curriculum being offered by alternative learning schools (ALS) to be responsive to the cultural practice of the IPs.
4. Under the **seventh paragraph**: Include in this paragraph call for increased budget for the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) for them to realize their mandates provided by the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA).
5. General Comment: A "whole-of-nation" approach must not only involve government agencies and its facilities. A "whole-of-nation" approach aims to involve the different

sectors in addressing concerns of the ICCs/IPs through education, involvement of women, youth, and civil society, and more effective use of social media.

Very truly yours,



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Secretary

Date: _____