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HONORABLE ISIDRO T. UNGAB
Chairperson
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RVM Bldg., House of Representatives
Constitution Hills, Quezon City


Dear Congressman Ungab:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) supports substitute bill consolidating House Bill Nos. 823, 1332, and 3005, entitled: "*An Act Providing for the Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof*" or the "*Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict Act*" introduced by Representatives Teodoro, Sahali, Tambunting, Cruz-Gonzales, Fortun, Cerilles, Mercado-Revilla, De Venecia, Acharon, Piamonte, Antonino-Nadres, Aglipay, and Suansing, which is anchored on the mandate of the Department to develop and provide quality social protection programs and services for children.

We are very glad that the recommendations of the Department were considered particularly on Sections 6 (*Children as Zones of Peace*) and 26 (*Involvement of Government Organizations and Non-Government Organizations*). Attached is the copy of our official position papers on "*Children in Situations of Armed Conflict (CSAC)*" which were already submitted to the House Committee on the Welfare of Children and Presidential Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO) on 14 February and 20 March 2014, respectively.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


CORAZON JULIANO-SOLIMAN
Secretary

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