

DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines makes the following declaration in relation to the Paris Agreement:

THAT it is the understanding of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines that its accession to and the implementation of the Paris Agreement shall in no way constitute a renunciation of rights under any local and international laws or treaties, including those concerning State responsibility for loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change;

THAT, the accession to and implementation of the Paris Agreement by the Republic of the Philippines is for the purpose of supporting the country's national development objectives and priorities such as sustainable industrial development, the eradication of poverty and provision of basic needs, and securing social and climate justice and energy security for all its citizens;

FINALLY, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines will submit its first Nationally Determined Contribution before 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.


RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE 

DONE at the City of Manila, Philippines this 6th day of March in the year of Our Lord two thousand and seventeen.

By the President:


MENARDO I. GUEVARRA
Acting Executive Secretary

