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A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO, AND ENJOINING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED AND BECOME THE PRIME MOVERS IN THE CONDUCT OF, THE COMMUNITY-BASED DIALOGUE (CBD) SESSIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROMOTION AND PROTECTION AMONG THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, THE CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, the Community-Based Dialogue (CBD) Project is a mechanism that proved to be a positive initiative in providing venues for Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) to raise concerns and address issues on Human Rights (HR) cases, and is intended to respond to the recommendations of the UN Special Rapporteur;

WHEREAS, the CBD, now on its Phase IV implementation, is aimed at institutionalizing dialogues at the local level;

WHEREAS, in line with the issuance of Resolution CHR (V) No. AM2015-108 mandating the CHR Regional Offices to: 1) convene Community-Based Dialogues; 2) co-organize Multi-Sectoral Human Rights education and training activities; and 3) coordinate Regional Level Policy Dialogues, the CHR Regional Offices are expected to play a more active role, and more robust localization and institutionalization of these dialogues;

WHEREAS, the utilization of CBD will be able to complement with the top-level policy dialogues and, in turn, become venues for the formulation of concrete policy issuances for local application, i.e., policy advisories and/or bulletins that provide human rights standards, likewise for the monitoring and resolution of issues and cases on the ground;

WHEREAS, the institutionalization of the CBD mechanism at the local level will serve as an early warning system for the prevention of Human Rights Violations (HRVs), as Quick Reaction Teams (QRT), and as monitoring/resolution of cases, trainings and other collaborative efforts with the communities and partner organizations;

WHEREAS, the continuing partnership and dialogue is a venue for continued partnership and collaboration among the stakeholders, both within the project and through related initiatives;

WHEREAS, with the improved relationship between the security forces and the civilian communities, as well as the local cooperative mechanisms in place, the dialogues are expected to deepen and result in actual resolution of issues, as far as the roles of the police and military personnel are concerned;

WHEREAS, in line with the roles and responsibilities of the LGUs in ensuring peoples' participation in governance, planning and budgeting, the active involvement of the LGUs in the CBDs shall be instrumental in ensuring that human rights are respected, protected and fulfilled at the local level;

WHEREAS, the CDB is a mechanism that will scale up the dialogue process from the grassroots to the policy level arena, thereby engaging the local policy makers on the identified issues and recommendations thus translating the same to policy changes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, to express support to, and enjoining local government units (LGUs) to be actively involved and become the prime movers in the conduct of, the Community-Based Dialogue (CBD) Sessions on Human Rights Promotion and Protection among the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police, the Civil Society Organizations and the Local Communities.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that with the LGUs in the lead, this project will be a cooperation among the Armed Forces of the Philippines Human Rights Office (AFP HRO), and Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Civil Military Operations (AFP J7), Philippine National Police Human Rights Affairs Office (PNP HRAO), Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP), Ninoy and Cory Aquino Foundation (NCAF), Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates (PAHRA), Alternative Law Groups (ALG) and Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) of Germany.


RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to all concerned agencies and LGUs for information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED, November 14, 2017.

Certifying as to the veracity of the foregoing resolution:


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