Excerpts from the minutes of the RDC-CAR 4th quarter 2021 full council meeting held on 09 December 2021 in Baguio City

RDC-CAR Resolution No. 92
Series of 2021

REQUESTING THE LGUs TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE COMMUNITY BASED DIALOGUE IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ADDRESS HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, the Community-Based Dialogue (CBD) Sessions on Human Rights Promotion and Protection between the Commission on Human Rights (CHR), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP), and Civil Society Organizations and Local Communities, with the Hanns Seidel Foundation of Germany was launched in 2008, with the overall objective of improving the Human Rights situation in the Philippines primarily through the enhancement of the relationship between the AFP and PNP, on one hand, and local communities and civil society organizations, on the other hand;

WHEREAS, the CBD-CAR Core Group as convened by the Commission on Human Rights (CHR-CAR) conducted series of CBDs on issues affecting political, civil, economic, social, and cultural rights in the Cordillera Administrative Region from 2018-2020;

WHEREAS, the CBDs were proven to be an effective tool in soliciting community cooperation and participation in the region where the concept of community dialogue and cooperation is ingrained in indigenous practices like "Tongtongan";

WHEREAS, community based dialogue provides for direct community participation as an integral part of democratic governance and is an acknowledged tool in the promotion of human rights;

WHEREAS, the local government units (LGUs) play significant role in the success of CBDs because of their knowledge and influence in their respective communities;

WHEREAS, the institutionalization of the Community Based Dialogues through the enactment of local ordinance is needed to sustain community cooperation and participation in the promotion of human rights at the local level;

WHEREAS, the existing Human Rights Action Teams (HRAcTs) mandated under the DILG-CHR Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01 S. 2014 (*Mainstreaming Human Rights at the Level of Provinces, Cities/Municipalities and Barangays*) may serve as focal of the localized CBD;

WHEREAS, the RDC-CAR Sectoral Committee on Development Administration and Good Governance in its 4th Quarter Meeting on November 11, 2021 approved the resolution ""Resolution Requesting the Institutionalization of the Community Based Dialogue in the

Local Government Units to Address Human Rights Concerns and Providing Funds
Therefore"

**NOW THEREFORE ON MOTION DULY SECONDED, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS
HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the RDC-CAR duly assembled, requests the LGUs to
institutionalize the Community-Based Dialogue (CBD) in the local government units to
address human rights concerns and providing funds therefore.

RESOLVED FURTHER, for the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG-
CAR) to facilitate and monitor the institutionalization of the CBD.

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, for the Commission of Human Rights (CHR-CAR) to
provide technical assistance in the institutionalization.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copy of this resolution be furnished to the CHR-CAR, DILG-
CAR and to the local government units thru the city/ provincial governments for information
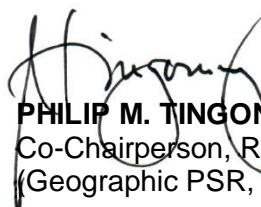and appropriate action.

APPROVED this 9th day of December 2021 in Baguio City, Philippines.
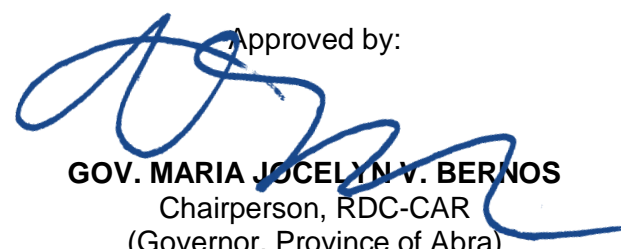

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