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PHILIPPINES

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Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

As delegate from the Philippines, I have the honor and privilege to inform you that this initiative and the outcome of this conference are of great significance to my country. So much so, that the President of the Republic of the Philippines, Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, formally designated me as Philippine representative to this ADB OECD conference with full power and all manner of authority to negotiate, conclude, and sign, if need be, on behalf of the Republic of the Philippines the Anti-Corruption Plan for Asia and the Pacific.

We have before us today, the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific, developed by the coordinated efforts of officials of ADB and OECD, representatives of some donor countries and participants from regional and world organizations, as well as delegates representing concerned countries of the region.

Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the Philippines, I would like to place on record a statement in these proceedings:

Firstly, on behalf of and with full authority of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, I have fully endorsed and I now strongly endorse this Action Plan, and I am for its approval and adoption by this Conference.

Secondly, my Government, under the leadership of Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, is deeply committed to the struggle against corruption. It therefore pledges to implement to the best of its ability, within the framework of its national Constitution and laws, the three Pillars of Action recommended by the Action Plan.

Thirdly, the Republic of the Philippines, wherever and whatever it may be called upon, will extend its cooperation to each and all of the concerned countries and institutions of the region, and of the rest of the world, for the success of this world wide campaign against corruption.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman