



PASUGUAN NG PILIPINAS

EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, D.C.

19 July 2017

Dear **Representative McGovern**,

The Embassy wishes to furnish the good Commission with a copy of the attached publication from the Office of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, Hon. Alan Peter S. Cayetano, entitled, "The Real Numbers".

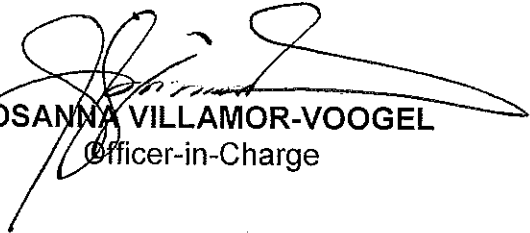
This publication, the contents of which were culled from Secretary Cayetano's Opening Statement during the Philippines' Universal Periodic Review (UPR) before the United Nations Human Rights Council last May 2017, provides a holistic and composite picture of the number of deaths relative to the fight against illegal drugs.

The Philippines is a long-standing advocate of universally recognized human rights. We firmly maintain that the anti-illegal drug campaign is being implemented within the boundaries of the law. The ultimate objective is to protect the rights of all Filipino citizens, to secure their security and prosperity, and to safeguard the well-being of our present and future generations.

The Embassy requests the Commission's kind consideration that this publication be received as an official submission and form part of the Commission's record of proceedings during the hearing scheduled on 20 July 2017, entitled, "Human Rights Consequences of the War on Drugs in the Philippines." In so doing, we hope that the Commission will be afforded the opportunity to more objectively consider the facts and the full context of our country's strident efforts to liberate the lives of many Filipinos from the drug menace. Corollary, the Embassy would likewise well appreciate that this publication, or the contents thereof, be included as part of the records to be made public following the hearing.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and personal esteem.

Sincerely,


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Officer-in-Charge

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