



Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

DILG NAPOLCOM CENTER, EDSA cor. QUEZON AVENUE, QUEZON CITY

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May 3, 2019

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No: 2019-65

- TO :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, DILG FIELD OFFICERS, BARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, AND OTHERS CONCERNED
- SUBJECT :** MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) ON THE ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION AND REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, SENIOR CITIZENS, AND HEAVILY PREGNANT VOTERS

In view of the forthcoming 2019 midterm elections, the Department of the Interior and Local Government has entered as one of the parties in the Memorandum of Understanding, dated April 8, 2019, on the electoral participation and reasonable accommodation of Persons with Disability, Senior Citizens, and Heavily Pregnant Voters.

All Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays, DILG Regional Directors, DILG Field Officers, BARMM Regional Governor, and others concerned are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of the attached MOU within their areas of jurisdiction.


EDUARDO M. AÑO
Secretary



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) made and entered into on this 8th day of April in Manila, Philippines, by and between:

The **COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS** is an independent constitutional commission of the Republic of the Philippines mandated to enforce and administer all laws and regulations relative to the conduct of elections. It has its principal address at Palacio Del Gobernador, Postigo Street, Intramuros, Manila, Philippines. The Commission on Election is hereto represented in this MOU by its head, Chairman Sheriff M. Abas;

And the following partner agencies, private corporations, and civil society organizations:

The **DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** hereto represented in this MOU by its Undersecretary, Bernardo C. Florece, Jr.;

The **COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS** hereto represented in this MOU by its Director of Human Rights Centers Management, Dr. Renante A. Basas;

The **NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS** hereto represented in this MOU by its Officer-in-Charge, Carmen Reyes Zubiaga;

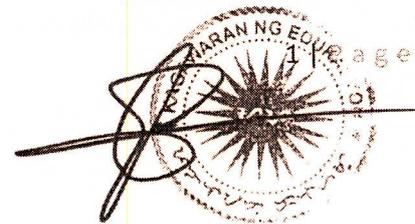
The **PHILIPPINE COMMISSION ON WOMEN** hereto represented in this MOU by its Executive Director, Emmeline L. Verzosa;

The **ALYANSA NG MAY KAPANSANANG PINOY** hereto represented in this MOU by its Acting CEO of AKAP Pinoy, Col. Augusto S. Flores PA (RET);

The **FULLY ABLED NATION** hereto represented in this MOU by its VP Cerebral Palsied Association of the Philippines, Inc, Charito Corozan M. Manglapus;

The **LEGAL NETWORK FOR TRUTHFUL ELECTIONS** hereto represented in this MOU by its Senior Project Officer, Brizza Rosales;

The **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR RESPONSIBLE VOTING** hereto represented in this MOU by its Executive Director, Maria Isabel Buenaobra;



The **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** hereto represented in this MOU by its

_____, _____;

The **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH** hereto represented in this MOU by its

_____, _____;

The **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS** hereto represented in this MOU by its _____;

The **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT** hereto represented in this MOU by its _____;

The **NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION COMMISSION** hereto represented in this MOU by its _____;

The **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE** hereto represented in this MOU by its

_____, _____;

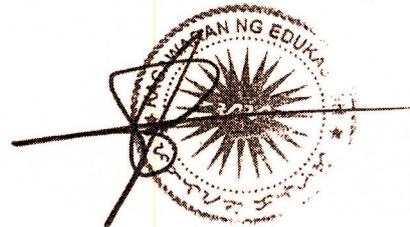
The **PHILIPPINE RED CROSS** hereto represented in this MOU by its

_____, _____;

The **KAPISANAN NG MGA BRODKASTER NG PILIPINAS** hereto represented in this MOU by its _____;

THE GLOBE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY hereto represented in this MOU by its _____; and

The **SMART TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY** hereto represented in this MOU by its _____;



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The **UPHOLDING LIFE AND NATURE** hereto represented in this MOU by its Executive Director, Atty. Ronaldo R. Gutierrez;

Collectively referred to as to as "THE PARTIES"

WITNESSETH THAT:

THE PARTIES AGREE to work with and among each other in utmost cooperation within the ambit of their mandate to ensure the electoral participation and reasonable accommodation of Persons with Disability, Senior Citizens, and Heavily Pregnant Voters on the day of the election, for the successful administration and execution of the following:

The Sections 10 and 11 of Article II and Section 2, C, Article IX of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines respectively declaring as policy that "the State shall provide social justice in all phases of national development", that "the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect of human rights" and mandating the COMELEC to "enforce and administer all laws and regulations relative to the conduct of an election, plebiscite, initiative, referendum and recall";

The Article 29 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD), providing that the "States Parties shall guarantee to persons with disabilities political rights and the opportunity to enjoy them on an equal basis with others," and shall undertake, among others, "to ensure that persons with disabilities can effectively and fully participate in political and public life on an equal basis with others, directly or through freely chosen representatives, including the right and opportunity for persons with disabilities to vote and be elected";

The Section 1 of Chapter 1, Subtitle C, Title I, Book V of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, declaring as the policy that "the State shall, at all times, ensure free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections";

The Republic Act No. 7277 (Magna Carta for Disabled Persons) declaring that "Disabled persons are part of Philippine society" and that "Disabled persons have the same rights as other people to take their proper place in society";

The Section 1 of Republic Act No. 10366 (An Act Authorizing the Commission on Elections to Establish Precincts Assigned to Accessible Polling Places Exclusively



for Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens) declaring that "The State shall ensure that persons with disabilities and senior citizens are able to exercise their right to political participation without discrimination or restrictions. Towards this end, the State shall design systems and procedures that will enable persons with disabilities and senior citizens to register and vote by themselves";

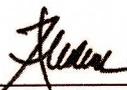
The Strategic Goals of the COMELEC particularly providing "Strategic Pillar No. 1 convenient, credible, and well-managed election day services are: a) To ensure convenience and complete information for all voters on election day; and b) To ensure that voting centers/polling places and voting are convenient and accessible to members of the vulnerable sectors";

The COMELEC Resolution No. 10486 providing for the "General Instructions on the Voting of Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens, and Heavily Pregnant Voters in Emergency Accessible Pooling Places (EAPP) for the Purposes of the May 13, 2019 National and Local Elections and All Succeeding Elections".

THE PARTIES AGREE that the performance of this MOU may be subject to further specific obligations and responsibilities guided by the laws and principles aforementioned.

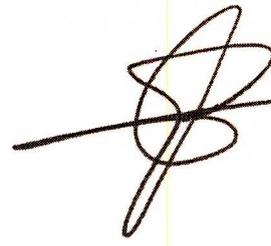
THE PARTIES AGREE that this MOU shall take effect upon its signing and shall remain effective until the completion of the Parties respective obligations in connection with the 2019 National and Local Elections.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Parties aforementioned have set their hands on the date and place abovementioned.


COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
ALAIN DEL B. RASQUA
Undersecretary for Administration
Department of Education
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH


DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

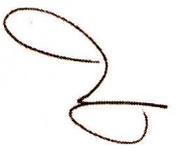






















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UPHOLDING LIFE AND NATURE

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GLOBE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

MR. RANDO R. ABALTO
SMART TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Republic of the Philippines)
City of Manila) S. S.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in the City of Manila, this 8th day of April 2019, the following personally appeared and presented to me their respective government-issued identification cards:

NAME	COMPETENT PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION	PLACE OF ISSUE AND EXPIRY DATE
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The foregoing instrument consisting of seven (7) pages, including the page which this acknowledgment is written, has been signed by the Parties and their witnesses on each and every page thereof.

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IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal on the date and place written above.

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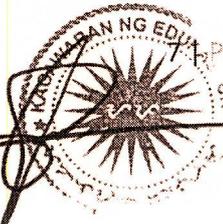
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