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PRESS RELEASE

Signing of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Framework (NDRRMF)

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The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Framework (NDRRMF) was signed today by the Chairperson of the National DRRM Council and Secretary the Department of National Defense, Honorable Voltaire T Gazmin as well as by the four Vice Chairpersons of the NDRRMC: DILG Secretary Jesse M Robredo; DSWD Secretary Corazon J Soliman; DOST Secretary Mario G Montejo and NEDA Director General Cayetano W Paderanga, Jr. Honorable Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa Jr also graced the occassion.

After months of conducting consultation workshops all over the country through the regional offices of the Office of Civil Defense, during the National Stakeholders Workshop conducted last month and along side the many deliberation sessions between the members of the NDRRMC Technical Management Group, the NDRRMF is finally completed and was approved by the Executive Committee of the National DRRM Council.

The Executive Director of the NDRRMC and Administrator of OCD, Undersecretary Benito T Ramos stressed that the framework should be our *conceptual* guide to all national and local efforts on disaster risk reduction and management. He said that framework is our key to having a common understanding on what DRR is all about and where we want to go as LGUs, communities and as one nation. The framework includes criteria for benchmarking and tools for evaluating progress in reducing people's vulnerabilities and raising their capacities.

The NDRRMF is an essential part of the national development process. It is an important component to ensure the country's sustainable development and its effectiveness relies heavily on strongly supported national and local ownership and leadership on the DRRM process.

Overall, this NDRRMF aims to put our acts together and guide us as we work together:

- to “*achieve inclusive growth, create employment opportunities and reduce poverty*” through a paradigm shift towards proactive and preventive approaches to disasters;
- to reduce our risks to natural and human-induced disasters and build capacities through partnerships and informed decisions and actions;
- to substantially reduce loss of life and damage to social, economic and environmental assets, through mitigating the potential impacts of existing disasters and climate risks;
- to achieve sustainable development, by addressing the underlying causes of people’s vulnerabilities to disaster and building back better

This framework is important not only for those doing disaster risk management jobs – it is a guide for every Filipino citizen wanting to address the underlying causes of vulnerability and wanting to achieve disaster resilient communities. It is our country’s guide to achieving sustainable **D**evelopment through multi-stakeholder partnerships in **R**isk **R**eduction.

After the concurrence and signing of the rest of the members of the National DRRM Council, the NDRRMF will take effect and will be implemented through the National DRRM Plan, which is currently being discussed and formulated.