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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (Attn: Office of Disarmament Affairs) and has the honor to forward herewith the submission of the Philippines in relation to General Assembly Resolution 63/23, entitled "Promoting development through the reduction and prevention of armed violence."

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) of the Philippines recognizes that in order to live a dignified life, it is crucial to live free from the threat of armed violence, which is vital in economic growth, poverty reduction and welfare development.

DSWD is currently implementing the joint project with the UN World food programme, "*Emergency Operation Philippines-Assistance to Conflict Affected Mindanao*" (EMOP-ACAM). EMOP-ACAM supports the peace process by addressing the food security needs of the vulnerable in conflict-affected areas, as well as promoting education, health and social development. EMOP-ACAM has covered one hundred three (103) Municipalities, of armed conflict areas, within three (3) Regions. Moreover, DSWD initiated the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Programs (4Ps) - a poverty reduction strategy that provides grants to extremely poor households to improve their health, nutrition and education particularly of children aged 0-14. 4Ps provides social assistance through cash provision to the poor to alleviate their needs and addresses the intergenerational poverty cycle through human capital investment. In as much, the "*Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive Integrated Delivery of Social Services*" (KALAHI-CIDSS) is the Philippine Government's flagship poverty alleviation project which seeks to entrust the poor with greater powers, support poor LGUs in local development and invest heavily in people, not just projects. KALAHI-CIDSS has covered 14 Municipalities, of armed conflict areas, within 9 Regions. There is also the Disaster response Operations Monitoring and Information Center (DROMIC) that deals with Disaster response and assistance. DROMIC has responded to disasters caused by armed conflict and to date has assisted one hundred five (105) Municipalities in four (4) Regions.

DSWD is committed to working for the promotion of peaceful conflict management, peace-building, violence reduction, protection and respect of human rights as well as strengthening our efforts in the provision of preventive, protective, rehabilitative and developmental programs and services.