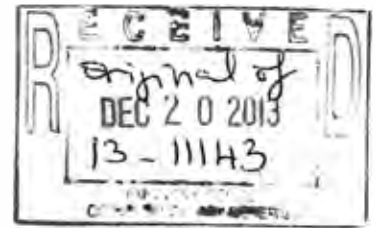


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THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

06 December 2013

Excellency,

I take this opportunity to reiterate my sincerest gratitude for your expression of sympathy and support for the Philippines which you personally conveyed when we spoke over the telephone after the onslaught of Typhoon Yolanda (internationally known as Haiyan). I also wish to acknowledge your effort in bringing this matter to the attention of the General Assembly. The resulting support provided by the United Nations and the Member States is greatly valued the Philippine Government and its People.

The Philippines is also thankful for the visit of Baroness Valerie Amos, United Nations Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, who was in the country to launch the UN Flash Appeal event last 12 November. She even managed to visit the devastated areas personally and oversee some of the relief operations.

Now that the initial response and rescue efforts have been conducted, the Philippine Government is focusing on the even more challenging task of reconstruction and rehabilitation. It is in this regard that your planned visit later this month to the Philippines is most auspicious. The Philippine Government and the Filipino people look forward to welcoming you to our country and to working closely with you and the UN system on our post-Yolanda efforts.

I have no doubt that with the combined efforts of the Philippine Government, the international community, and the United Nations system, we will be able to help the affected communities of the central Philippines reclaim and rebuild their lives and overcome this terrible tragedy.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO

His Excellency  
**Mr. BAN KI-MOON**  
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No. 001715

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (Attention: Ambassador Susanna Malcorra) and with reference to the Mission's Note No. 001707 dated 13 December 2013, has the honor to transmit the original letter from His Excellency ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, addressed to His Excellency Mr. BAN KI-MOON, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

It would be appreciated if the letter could be forwarded to its highest and esteemed destination.

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

20 December 2013, New York

