



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

10 October 2013

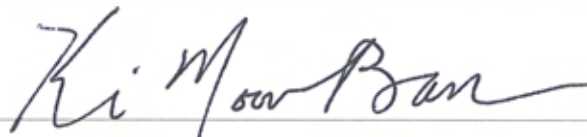
Excellency,

I am writing in response to your letter of 30 September 2013 conveying the decision of His Excellency President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III to continue the participation of the Republic of the Philippines in the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF). I welcome this decision and take this opportunity to reiterate my deep appreciation to your Government for its sustained commitment to international peace and security through participation in United Nations peacekeeping, and UNDOF in particular.

I am grateful that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines has stayed the course in UNDOF under challenging conditions. The role of UNDOF remains essential for stability on the Golan and for international peace and security. I wish to assure you that the United Nations Secretariat remains committed to supporting the efforts of UNDOF to ensure that the Mission fulfils its mandate in a safe and secure manner.

I have taken note that the participation of the Philippines contingent in UNDOF will be subject to periodic assessments every six months by the National Council on United Nations Peacekeeping Operations. I wish to assure you of the cooperation of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and UNDOF in that regard.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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His Excellency
Mr. Albert F. del Rosario
Secretary for Foreign Affairs of
the Republic of the Philippines
Manila

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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Albert F. del Rosario, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Libran N. Cabactulan
Permanent Representative of the Republic
of the Philippines to the United Nations
New York



To: CDC (through the DSG),

Please find attached a letter addressed to the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Philippines, H.E. Mr. Albert F. Del Rosario, regarding the continued participation of the Philippines in UNDOF.

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Political Unit
10 October 2013

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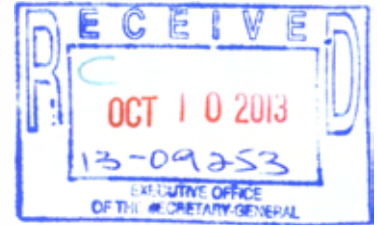
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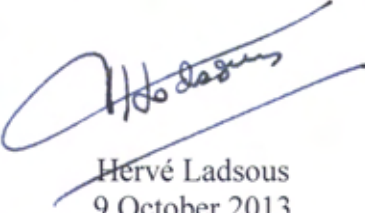
Note to Ms. Malcorra



UNDOF: Letter from the Secretary-General to H.E. Mr. Albert F. Del Rosario,
Secretary of Foreign Affairs, of the Philippines

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1. Please find attached a draft response letter from the Secretary-General to His Excellency Mr. Albert F. Del Rosario, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, regarding the continued participation of the Philippines in the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF).
2. I would be grateful for your assistance in bringing the draft letter to the attention of the Secretary-General.


Hervé Ladsous
9 October 2013

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