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President of the Republic of the Philippines
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Malacañan Palace
Manila

Thru : Hon. PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

Dear **President Aquino**:

Respectfully submitting herewith the status/updates on the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) Common Legislative Agenda (CLA).

May we also take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to all the Honorable Members of the 16th Congress and key stakeholders in the Executive and Legislative branches, and other sectors of the society for their support and collaboration toward the crafting of important measures and enactment of laws consistent with the Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016 and the President's Social Contract with the Filipino People.

We wish that the continuing interaction and coordination will reap success and achieve the country's development objectives.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

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Preface

The Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) was created under Republic Act No. 7640 to act as an effective advisory and consultative mechanism to the President to generate consensus among the legislative and executive branches and other key stakeholders on various socio-economic objectives.

Since its inception, the LEDAC has proven to be an effective avenue to achieve this goal. Numerous Common Legislative Agenda (CLA) had already been enacted into laws by previous Congresses in response to the developmental programs of the government.

As the 16th Congress nears its end, several measures have been prioritized by both the Executive and Legislative branches of the government primarily to carry out programs that will ensure inclusive growth. The challenge of enacting these measures is not easy to hurdle, but constant coordination of the stakeholders and genuine desire to enact essential laws clearly prove that it is not impossible to accomplish.

This Report highlights the accomplishments of the LEDAC for 2014, which is the result of combined efforts among its members towards the achievement of the same goal – the attainment of inclusive growth and fulfilment of the government’s Social Contract with the Filipino People.

A. PROPOSED COMMON LEGISLATIVE AGENDA (CLA), 16TH CONGRESS¹

In the 16th Congress, 16 out of the 29 and 40 priority measures of the Executive and Legislative branches, respectively, have been identified as CLA of the LEDAC.

Out of the 16 proposed CLA², seven (7) bills have been approved on third reading by the Senate and House of Representatives. These are the following:

1. *The Senate – 3 bills*

- Fair Competition/Anti-Trust Act
- Freedom of Information Act
- Amendments to Cabotage Law

2. *The House of Representatives – 4 bills*

- Philippine Maritime Zones Act
- Protecting the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons
- National Land Use Act
- Magna Carta of the Poor

The following bills are for second reading in the House of Representatives:

- Amendments to RA 8974, Road Right-of-Way Law
- Archipelagic Sea Lanes Act

The following bills are still awaiting action by the Committee on Appropriations:

- Whistle Blowers Act
- Amendments to BSP Charter
- An Act Instituting Reforms in Land Administration/LARA
- Freedom of Information

The following five (5) bills, on the other hand, are either pending in the assigned main committees or need time and intervention to enhance acceptability:

- Amendments to RA 6957, BOT Law re: PPP Projects
- Fiscal Incentives Rationalization
- Rationalization of the Mining Fiscal Regime
- Bangsamoro Basic Law
- Water Sector Reform

¹ Based on the Report by the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office of the House of Representatives

² Note that the Philippine Maritime Zones Act and the Archipelagic Sea Lanes were counted as one, though treated separately and does not imply merger or consolidation of these bills

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE LEDAC SECRETARIAT

To complement the mandate of the Council, the LEDAC Secretariat conducted, coordinated and attended various meetings, such as:

1. Two (2) pre-LEDAC meetings of the LEDAC Executive Committee (ExeCom)-Technical Working Group (TWG) on March 28 and April 4, 2014. During these meetings, the LEDAC Secretariat reviewed the status of the CLA, and discussed the strategies of the remaining CLA in the 15th Congress and the indicative list of proposed priority legislative measures for the 16th Congress. The meetings also aimed to strengthen coordination with the Legislative Liaison System.
2. LEDAC Execom meeting to review and discuss the priority measures common to the executive and legislative branches. This was conducted a week before the State of the Nation Address (SONA) of His Excellency President Benigno Simeon Aquino III. The LEDAC Execom is consisted of the Executive Secretary and the leaders of both houses of Congress.
3. LEDAC-TWG year-end assessment and coordination meeting held on December 17, 2014. Consisted of the Office of the Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs (ODESLA), Presidential Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO), National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) and the LEDAC Secretariat, the meeting discussed updates on the priority measures for the 16th Congress. The body unanimously agreed that a TWG meeting shall be conducted quarterly, or any time when deemed necessary, to focus on shepherding strategies to ensure that the remaining priority measures will be successfully pursued in the legislative mill.

The LEDAC Secretariat also attended the following:

1. Committee Hearings on the proposed CLA conducted in the House of Representatives and the Senate, as part of the monitoring function of the Secretariat. To further fortify this function, the Supervising Official of the LEDAC Secretariat attended the Regional Consultations on the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) conducted in Davao and North Cotabato on December 11-12, 2014;
2. Executive Course on Human Rights-Based Approach (HRBA) in Governance held on 09-10 October 2014. The LEDAC Secretariat also participated in various preparatory meetings for the said activity;
3. Legislative Liaison System (LLS) cluster meetings; and
4. Other trainings and/or seminars that are indispensable in the performance of the Secretariat's functions.

The LEDAC Secretariat also prepared its annual budget, commented on some CLA and other proposed bills, conducted coordination meetings with PLLO, ODESLA, among others, as well as managed and/or maintained the Council's official records, and carried out its day-to-day administrative/operational requirements.

C. THRUSTS AND DIRECTIONS FOR 2015

The LEDAC envisions to strengthen its consultative and advisory functions and ensure sustainability in collaboration and coordination with the Legislative and Executive branches of government, as well as key stakeholders to facilitate the timely enactment of CLA and other priority measures into law.

The LEDAC shall pursue the following thrusts in 2015:

1. Provide consultative and advisory services to the President on vital issues affecting the national development;
2. Coordinate the formulation and adoption of CLA in support of the Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016;
3. Provide general administrative support services, including the improvement and operationalization of mechanism to ensure that the CLA reflect the consensus of the legislative and executive stakeholders based on a commonly agreed set of priorities; and
4. Strengthen the LEDAC Execom, TWG, and its Secretariat.

Regular Members of the LEDAC

His Excellency President Benigno S. Aquino III, Chairperson

Members from the Cabinet:

- Vice President Jejomar C. Binay
- Secretary Arsenio M. Balisacan, NEDA
- Secretary Cesar V. Purisima, DOF
- Secretary Florencio B. Abad, DBM
- Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin, DND
- Secretary Manuel A. Roxas II, DILG
- Secretary Gregory L. Domingo, DTI
- Secretary Joseph Emilio Abaya, DOTC

Members from the Senate:

- Senate President Franklin M. Drilon
- Senator Ralph G. Recto, *Senate President Pro Tempore*
- Senator Alan Peter S. Cayetano, *Majority Floor Leader*
- Senator Juan Ponce Enrile, *Minority Floor Leader*

Members from House of Representatives:

- Speaker Feliciano R. Belmonte, Jr.
- Rep. Henedina R. Abad, *Deputy House Speaker*
- Rep. Neptali M. Gonzalez II, *Majority Leader*
- Rep. Ronaldo B. Zamora, *Minority Leader*

Other Members:

- Governor Alfonso V. Umali, Jr., *LGU Representative*
- Chairman Gregorio Ramon Tingson (NYC) *Youth Representative*
- Atty. Miguel Varela (PCCI), *Private Sector Representative*