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LOCAL COMMUNIST ARMED CONFLICT IX MEETING**

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Thank you. Kindly sit down.

Before I would read the prepared speech, this it not mine, this is the work of the girls there. Magsalita lang ako nang kaunti. I can finish this in about two and a half minutes. So maghingi lang ako sa inyo mga five minutes to talk about what I --- what's in my heart.

RTF-ELCAC Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security and Social Worker and Development Secretary Rolando Joselito Bautista; NTF-ELCAC Vice Chairman and National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon Jr.; Agriculture Secretary William Dar, sir, thank you for your service, the focus work that you did for the Zamboanga Peninsula. [applause] I understand it's about one billion na ibinuhos mo dito at salamat naman.

Trade and Industry Secretary Ramon Lopez, a very hardworking government worker; Director General for TESDA Isidro Lapeña, Sid.

Senator Bong Go, ano ba talaga, Bong? Tatakbo ka o hindi? [cheers and applause] Well, I would like to off-the-cuff statement. You have made a lot of people sad than happy. We respect your decision lalo na kung pamilya. Wala na tayong magawa diyan.

Deputy Speaker and Zamboanga del Sur 1st District Representative Divina [Grace] Yu, ma'am; Zamboanga City 1st District Representative Cesar Jimenez Jr., sir; Zamboanga Sibugay 2nd District Representative Dulce Ann Hofer, ma'am; Zamboanga del Norte 2nd District Representative Glona Labadlabad;

Zamboanga del Norte 1st District Representative Romeo Jalosjos Jr., yes, sir; Zamboanga del Sur Governor Victor Yu ; Zamboanga del Norte Governor Roberto Uy, sir; Zamboanga Sibugay Vice Governor Rey Andre Olegario; Zamboanga City Mayor Maria Isabelle Climaco-Salazar, Beng, the ever charming and smiling City Mayor; Dumingag Municipal Mayor Joan Abejuel --- [wala dito] --- kaya pala nahirap ako mag-pronounce kasi wala dito [laughter]; Ipil Municipal Mayor Anamel Olegario; Labangan Municipal Mayor Eduardo Relacion; Lakewood Municipal Mayor Domingo Mirrar; actually others pronounce it Leon, Leon, but it's Leon Postigo Municipal Mayor Aidaroz Hambali; Mabuhay Municipal Mayor Edreluisa Calonge; Midsalip Municipal Mayor Eduardo Elmer Soronio; Naga Municipal Mayor Rino delos Reyes; Rizal Municipal Mayor Fiona Marie Manigsaca.

Tatlong pages iyong... Isinali na sana niyo 'yung lahat ng barangay [laughter] pati 'yung mga NPA doon oh.

[Silay] Municipal Mayor Jarvis Acosta; Sindangan Mayor Rosendo Labadlabad, sir; Tigbao Municipal Mayor Eleazar Carcallas; Guipos Municipal Vice Mayor Junevell Oraiz-Lamiing; Western Mindanao Commander Lieutenant General Alfredo Rosario, sir; my fellow workers in government; mga kababayan.

Kani bang... Kaning pakigbisog sa armado, sa pakigbisog sa gobyerno, mga singkwenta'y --- going 54 years. Buot pasabot ang kadtong nangatawo karon, hangtod karon, antuson nila ang kagubot sa Pilipinas. Gihimo na namo ang tanan. Ako, pagka-Presidente nako, I tried to reach out. Nikab-ot gyud ko para lang makig-areglo unta. Unta. Nagkuha ko'g mga komunista, gipalingkod nako sa Gabinete over the objections of the military and the police. Giingnan nako sila nga "Sir, taga-e lang ko'g panahon nga basig maareglo nako."

(TRANSLATION: This armed conflict against the government has been going on for almost 54 years which means that those who will be born today will also suffer from the war in our country. We have done all that we could. When I became President, I tried to reach out. I really tried to reach out to them in the hopes of reaching a settlement. I appointed some communists to the Cabinet over the objections of the military and the police. I told them, "Sir, just give me some time to settle the conflict."

So I ordered the release of the leaders sa komu --- komunista. Si... Ang nagpabilin rong kusog si --- ang Tiamzon spouses. Mao'y gadala sa ideologue gyud diha sa sulod. Ako'y nagpa-release nila kay gusto lagi kong makig-amigo sa mga komunista and to start the talks.

(TRANSLATION: So I ordered the release of the leaders of the communists. Si... The ones who remained strong are the Tiamzon spouses. They are the ones who brought the ideology there. I was the one who ordered their release because I wanted to be friends with the communists and to start the talks.)

Nagkuha ko'g tulo ka komunista. Gipalingkod nako sa Gabinete again sabi ko para lang naa ko'y kaistorya nga komunista nga makasabot unta. So tulo gyud kabuok, puro komunista gi-apil nako sa pang-gobyerno. Ang ubang military wa kasabot pero ingon nako, "Kani kinanglan. Dili ni puwedeng giyera."

(TRANSLATION: I appointed three communists and gave them Cabinet positions because again I wanted to have communists whom I can reach out to, those who might understand. And so I hired three communists to serve in government. Some members of the military didn't understand why, but I told them, "This is necessary. We can't keep fighting a war forever.")

Look at this ELCAC now. Tan-awa og unsa'y resulta. Dili man gyud nato ni matapos og patay. Karon ang inyong kinabuhi maski'g asa dagan didto, dagan diri. Ang ako, naa lang ko'y mensahe sa inyong kauban: 54 years nga wala gyu'y natagamtam ang katawhan sa Pilipinas ug kahamugaway nga kinabuhi. Ang kadaghanang nangamatay, nagaserbisyo sa gobyernong sibilyan ang gipang-ihaw, ang mga barangay captains.

(TRANSLATION: Look at this ELCAC now. Look at what they have done so far. We really can't end this fight through war. And now you are living your lives by just running --- running here, running there. As for me, I have a message for your comrades: in the 54 years of fighting, Filipinos never lived a comfortable life and many have died, the civilians serving government, the barangay captains.

Wa na na'y kaso ng sa military ug pulis, mura'g natural enemy man ta diha. Pero kamong naa diha sa --- karong nigawas na, pakidala lang ng mensahe doon sa kabila na wala gyu'y kapu --- wala gyud, wala'y kapuslanan.

(TRANSLATION: For the military and the police, they are somewhat natural enemies there. But for those who've already surrendered, pakidala lang ng mensahe doon sa kabila that all this fighting is pointless.)

Nag-istorya mi ni Sison as a sign of good faith didto pa sa Malacañan. For the first time, ang mga liderato sa komunista gipapanihapon nako sa Malacañan. Wa'y mahitabo kay ang kuan gud niya --- nila, ang sabot gud nako gusto mo'g coalition government. Dili gyud na puwede. Og mao na'y inyong pangayuon, mag-giyera gyud ta hangtod sa hangtod.

(TRANSLATION: Sison and I talked in Malacañan as a sign of good faith. For the first time, communist leaders dined in Malacañan. But nothing good came out of it because from what I understand, what they really want is to have a coalition government. That can never happen. If that's what you are asking, then this war will never end.)

You have to give up. Buhi-i ng inyong armas. Ingna sila makig-istorya ko. Balay, magpabuhay ko og balay. Tanang nag-surrender guwapo og mga balay, hinimo sa Housing authorities. Tanan, naa koy mga 1,000. Sa Davao naa ko'y almost one --- 1,000.

(TRANSLATION: You have to give up. Give up your weapons. Tell them I want to talk to them. If you want houses, I'll build houses for you. All those who surrendered now live in nice houses built for them by the Housing authorities. There are about 1,000 all in all. In Davao, I have almost 1,000 too.)

Aw naa pud ang mga military pero gibuwag lang nako. Mas duol-duol lang sila sa siyudad, ang military ug pulis nga balay. Ang inyong mga comrades nga ni-surrender, didto gipadaplin nako sa bukid haro'g mausab inyong huna-huna ug mobalik mo sa kalihukan duol na lang pagtago. Wa na kaayo'y problema.

(TRANSLATION: There are houses for the military, too but I had them built in a different location. The housing units for the military and police are nearer to the city, while the houses for former rebels are situated nearer to the countryside so that if they change their minds and want to fight again, it'll be easier for them to do so and it won't be much of a problem.)

Pero mao gihapo'y resulta. Unsa may na...? Ako nang gibuhay ang tanan. To date, I --- almost 100,000 hectares. Gikuha nakong isyu kanang reporma sa yuta. 'Di na man ninyo magamit. Kay ako gasige ko'g panghatag og yuta. Tanang naa sa gobyerno, sabi ko you give it to --- sa inyo.

Ngano? Mao ni usa ka butang: Ako nagpasalamat ko nga anak ko'g pobre kay matugkad nako, I can fathom og unsay paradigm sa usa ka komunista, pagbag-o.

(TRANSLATION: But it's still the same. What have we...? I already did all that I could. To date, I --- almost 100,000 hectares. I chose to resolve the land reform issue because you can't use those lands anyway. I've been giving away lands. I said all government-owned lands, you give it to --- sa inyo. Why? This is one reason: I'm grateful that I come from a poor family because it enabled me to understand and fathom the paradigm of the communists, change.)

Ako giingnan ta mo niadto pa --- kay amigo man mi, mao bitaw nang makig --- nakig-istorya ko --- giingnan nako, "Drop the arms, buhi-i ang armas, mouban ko ninyo og pulitikanhong pakig-bisog. I will join."

(TRANSLATION: I told you before --- because we're friends and that's why I wanted to talk --- I said, "Drop the arms, surrender your weapons, and I will join you in the political fight. I will join.")

Niadto, kami ni Bebot Bello ang unang nagsugod. Kami ra'y... Ako mayor, si Bebot nahimong Secretary of Justice, Bebot Bello. Pero kami 'tong unang mga miyembro sa Bayan. Ang problema, pag-abot sa panahon nalain na ang istorya sa sulod. It was no longer really a peaceful approach, but they wanted, in the end, a coalition government.

(TRANSLATION: Back, then Bebot Bello and I were the first ones who started it. We were the only ones who... I was mayor and Bebot became Secretary of Justice, Bebot Bello. We were the first members of Bayan. The problem was, the time came that the discussions inside had changed. It was no longer really a peaceful approach, but they wanted, in the end, a coalition government.)

You know in this country, democracy ni (it is a democracy). If you want to be in government or want to serve the people with government, you must be an elected leader. And after that, kanang mga tawo (the people who) are appointed by the elected leaders, mao nay motrabaho na matawag og (they will be the ones who will work in the) bureaucracy.

So wala ta'y panahon moingo'g coalition government nga diretso lang to share power. Impossible na. It can never happen in a million years. Ako 'di gyud ko mosugot. Mao 'tong untag ako nga naay trabaho, naay inyong balay ready aron wa mo'y masulti.

(TRANSLATION: So the time will never come that we'll have a coalition government where we will share the power just like that, that's impossible. It can never happen in a million years. I will never agree to it. That is why I wanted to provide jobs and houses for the former rebels so that you won't have anything bad to say.)

If you want houses, I'll construct. Daghan ko, naa pa ko'y mga bakante bisag asa. Gibuhat ko na para'g naay mo-surrender maski'g asa, gusto mobalhin og region, o didto ka para maglikay sa mga kauban. Mao ra nang akong kuan. Mao ning ELCAC, para gyud ni sa tawo.

(TRANSLATION: If you want houses, I'll construct. I have plenty of it, I still have vacant houses everywhere. I did that intentionally so that if there are those who would surrender, no matter where they are, or if they want to relocate to a different region to be safe from their former comrades. That's all I can do. That is why this ELCAC is really for the people.)

I really do not know why there is no movement in the mainstream sa atong pang-gobyerno nga we have totally abandoned actually how to do it. Sige lang ta'g ingon nga, "Ah komunista, mao ni, makigbisog, atong areglohon" But there was no concrete or substantial movement.

(TRANSLATION: I really do not know why there is no movement in the mainstream in our government programs that we have totally abandoned actually how to do it. We just keep on saying, "Ah the communists are fighting, we should reach a settlement" but there was no concrete or substantial movement.)

Karon 'yang ELCAC --- and you must give credit to our --- my National Security Adviser, si Esperon. [applause] Kada sulti niya na ako daw, ako, iya gud na. I mean, we discussed this but ang --- the legwork of all of these things and the honor and distinction belongs to Secretary Esperon. Iya ni. Mao ni iyang contribution siguro kay giingnan man nako nga gusto nako by the time that I go out of the presidency, tanang proyekto tapos.

(TRANSLATION: Now the ELCAC --- and you must give credit to our --- my National Security Adviser, si Esperon. He always says that the credit should go to me, but in reality it's him. I mean, we discussed this but the legwork of all of these things and the honor and distinction belongs to Secretary Esperon. This is his work. This is his contribution maybe because I told him that I want to finish all my projects by the time that I go out of the presidency.)

So mura'g nakuha nako. I think I'd be able to deliver most of my promises. Ang number one gyud ana ang law and order. Diha gyud ko --- tawgon nimo'g Binisaya "mangtas" labi na gyud ang droga.

(TRANSLATION: So it seems like I achieved that. I think I'd be able to deliver most of my promises. The number one is really the law and order. That is really where I am --- in Bisaya, we call it "mangtas" (ruthless), especially when it comes to drugs.)

You know, these are the things that makit --- madunggan ninyo akong baba moingon mo'g, "Ah mao diay'ng gipresohon siya sa International Court of..." F*** you. [laughter and applause]

(TRANSLATION: You know, these are the things that you hear from my mouth. Some would say, "Ah maybe that's why he is being sent to jail by the International Court of...")

You know, I am a Filipino. I did it not for me. I never claimed credit or said that I'm doing this for me and my family. Killing? Anong makukuha ko sa killing? Why? Would it benefit my pocket? Would it improve the quality of life na pagkatapos kong pagka-Presidente? Ayaw ko na lang magsalita, but ginawa ko ito lahat para sa Pilipino. [cheers and applause]

Wala 'yang para sa pamilya. Wala akong makuha diyan. Ginawa ko kasi trabaho ko. I promised it... You know, during the --- even during the presidential debates, you have noticed that lima lang, law and order lalo na 'yang droga tapos 'yang --- well, corruption nandiyan talaga 'yan, any administration for that matter. But kung ma-minimize mo...

Well, I have dismissed about... Ayaw ko kasi 'yang mag --- maghambog (boast) doon sa --- I just do it alone. Kung malaman ng military, okay. 'Pag wala, okay rin. I have dismissed mga --- magsabi ka lang 500 governor --- ah government workers, corruption. Eh pero hindi mo talaga maubos.

Then sabi ko 'yung may pera, I was not sure what would be in store for me na pera when I --- should I become president. Sa awa ng Diyos, I got the most of my... Alam mo lahat ito sila dito puro bright 'yan. Kinuha ko talaga 'yung...

Gutom na ba kayo? Sandali lang, you just swallow --- mag --- lulunin mo muna hangin, medyo pang-ano. Nasaan na ba ako? Nawala tuloy. [laughter] Itong matanda na. Alam mo sa totoo, ayaw ko lang sabihin kasi it might not --- it might not be proper, but busy talaga ako kanina pa, 'yung camera.

Sabi ko, "Sabihin mo sa g***** 'yan i-focus niya sa magaganda." [laughter] Kaya nakikita namin. Sabi ko,

"Ang gaganda ng Zamboanga talaga." [laughter] Hindi lang --- not only the flowers are beautiful [applause] but the...

Tingnan mo si Beng simple lang. Marami kang magagandang ano constituents. [laughter] Palit tayo balang araw. Subukan mo naman ang Davao, ako dito bago ako mamatay.

Ah --- ay nakalimutan ko ang p***. [laughter] Iyong ginawa ko para sa... Iilan lang 'yung Presidential --- about five or six. Na-deliver ko lahat, hindi nakumpleto. Crime and punishment, it goes on forever. Panahon pa ni Hesukristo. Eh p*** 'yung katabi ni Hesukristo kawatan kaya nga gilansang sa krus. Pero 'yung --- 'yung trabaho ng pulis pati military lalo na dito sa Zamboanga del Sur, it's really geared towards attaining a peaceful region ang gusto namin.

Iyon. Ako I --- 'yun ang ano ko eh. Iyong paghinakit ko lang sa komunista because I tried over the --- maraming military sa ano ko, sa Cabinet ko, almost half. Puro bright ito sila. Esperon, student sa national high school pa, bright. [I think valedictorian ka?]

Eh ito si ano he was a soldier sa Davao noon. Doon kami nagkakilala. Lahat sila halos dumaan ng... Iyang mga military na 'yan nasa Cabinet dumaan ng Davao. Hindi 'yan taga-Davao, nakilala ko lang. Lorenzana --- Lorenzana alam --- alam mo kung sino nagsabi sa akin? Sabi niya, "Alam mo 'yan si Lorenzana valedictorian namin 'yan." "Saan?" "Sa Notre Dame sa Cotabato." Almost 'yang Gabinete ko or lahat, Medialdea, puro valedictorian, salutatorian. Iyang mga mi...

Si Secretary Lapeña was my chief of police. We are --- we are okay. Makita mo minsan nagmi-meeting kami, tinitingnan ko ‘yung mga Cabinet members ko, si Lapeña... Tapos sabi ko puro valedictorian, puro... Ako, 75 lang. [laughter] Seven years ako sa high school, sa awa ng Diyos.

Kaya sabi ng anak ko, ‘yang si Kitty, “Pa, sabihin mo nga diyan sa matanda na Cabinet member mo.” “Sino?” “Iyan, ‘yan si...” “Sino ba ‘yan, si Briones?” Sabi ko, “Bakit?” Sabi niya, “Sabihin mo nga bakit niya hinabaan ‘yang K-12, K-12 na kayo noon okay man. Eh ikaw na-mayor.” Sabi ko, “Nak, magdahan-dahan ka lang kay ang tatay mo ang original K-12.” [laughter, cheers and applause]

Totoo ‘yan, hanggang 75 lang ako. Totoo ‘yan, honestly. Ordinaryong-ordinaryo ang utak ko. Eh... Nandito lahat. William Dar is a terrific worker. Nandito ‘yung... Si Bong Go lang ang medyo... Kaya sige isip diyan.

Now, let me read my speech.

Pagadian City Mayor Samuel Co, yes sir; Western Mindanao Area Commander Lieutenant General Jose Chiquito Malayo, sir.

Your presence here affirms your strong commitment to join forces and resolve communist insurgency for the greater good of our people.

I thank all the officials and members of the Joint National Task Force and Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict here in Region 9 for dedicating and risking your lives to put an end to this decades-long insurgency problem that has curtailed development in the countryside.

Iyong gusto magpunta sa malalaking korporasyon, San Miguel, gusto sila magtayo ng mga factory for --- geared for agricultural. Eh papaano? Nandiyan ‘yung mga kasama ninyo, mga kauban (comrades).

Kamo nakahibaw mo. Mangayo, pagkahuman di kahatag, sunugon. Naay uban on their own volition would give. Ang others would resist, mao nang gub-on ninyo, destruction.

(TRANSLATION: You are well aware of their extortion, that they would burn down the properties of those who refuse to pay. Some would give on their own volition, while others would resist, after which you’d commit arson and destruction.)

So it has stymied, na-castrate ang all the entire program of government. Walay makasulod tungod naa ang mga komunista. Dili gyud ta mulambo. (No companies can invest in businesses because of the presence of the communist. We will never progress.) We will never find the development and progress. I hold this as an article of faith that without law and order, a community, a barangay can never progress and develop.

Mao nay akong ikabilin ninyo. Just sleep on it, katulgi ninyo, huna-hunaa ninyo para maka-convey mo sa akong message ngadto sa inyong mga kauban.

(TRANSLATION: This is my message for you. Just sleep on it, sleep on it and think about it so that you can convey my message to your comrades.)

Clearly, you have brought significant improvements in the government's fight against communist insurgency through the implementation of a whole-of-nation approach and the delivery of basic services in conflict-affected areas and vulnerable communities.

I thus enjoin all local [chief] executives and community leaders to support this Administration's campaign against illegal drugs, crimes and other lawless activities to achieve lasting peace and security.

Mao ni akong giingon. Wala gyud ta'y ma --- wa ta'y matila. You can scrape the bottom of our hopes. Wala, wa gyu'y kalinaw. Unya, sa totoo lang, kung iiwan mo lang sa pulis pati military itong to fight... Ang ilang trabaho is really to kill them kay og dili, patyon sila.

(TRANSLATION: This is what I said. We will never gain anything out of this. You can scrape the bottom of our hopes. Wala, we would gain nothing. And in all honesty, kung iiwan mo lang sa pulis pati military itong to fight... Their job is really to kill them, otherwise they would be the ones who are killed.)

So after the killing, what's next? Wala'y programa ang gobyerno og wa nimo... (There would be no government projects if you didn't...) Well, you have to credit. He was the one who presented the plan, si Secretary Esperon, kaya naka-focus.

Now Congress, wa ko kasabot ani (I don't understand it). Puwede ba palitan ninyo 'yung mga senador? [applause] Wala talaga eh. Sila 'yung naga... Itong original na --- I think it was 19 billion --- [28?] [Official: Billion.] Tapos oo, bilyon-bilyon. Tapos ito gituli nila. Wala na. So kailangan ma-restore 'yan.

Ako nagadalawang isip ko, gusto ko talagang mag-retire. Pero the things evolving now, if we go with the same kanang mga tao, ilang mindset na --- wa'y mahitabo. You have to elect new leaders high time. [applause] Alisdi ninyo. Tinuod. If you elect the same, wala gyu'y mahitabo. Istorya lang na. Imbestigasyon nga walay --- wala'y tunong, basta lang kumalkal diyan at makapag-ano sa --- maski'g wala gud. Mangita og anomalya nga wala man pud. If there is no anomaly, they will create the anomaly for you and stretch the whole of the Senate's time for your personal appearance.

(TRANSLATION: Ako nagadalawang isip ko, gusto ko talagang mag-retire. Pero the things evolving now, if we go with the same people whose mindset is --- nothing will happen. You have to elect new leaders high time. Replace them. This is true because if you elect the same, nothing will happen. It's all just empty promises, pointless investigations, basta lang kumalkal diyan at makapag-ano sa --- even though it doesn't mean anything. They would keep on looking for anomalies where there is none.)

Kagaya nitong si --- itong mataba na parang penguin. [laughter] Nakalimutan... Si Gordon? [laughter] Eh sabihin mo, totoo man. Siya 'yung naghiram ng 86 mil --- billion. Naghiram ang

SBMA noon ng 146, ang 86 napunta sa kanya. Hindi --- disallowed. Alam ng taga-gobyerno, when it is disallowed, it is disallowed. Meaning to say, it is not --- it was not disbursed legally.

Tapos natalo siya sa COA. He went to Supreme Court, natalo siya. The judgment has become final and executory. For four years, hindi nila na --- final and executory. When you are tagged as 'yung disallowed, that is the civil name sa COA. In the realm of crimes, that is malversation of government funds.

Now, try to elect that leaders. Hanggang ngayon hindi niya binayaran. Iyan ang mga senador na sinasabi ko na maraming --- huwag na lang tayong mag-ano. I know we have our respective parties, may mga sinusuportahan tayo, commitments, but try to eliminate some.

Maglagay kayo ng bago. Maski na 'yung hindi 'yung mga bright, 'yung ordinaryong tao lang. Kagaya ng mga valedictorian diyan... Ang valedictorian naman kagaya dito si General Lapeña. Valedictorian diyan sa...

Sige la'g bale. [laughter] P***** i**. Mao na'y nahitabo sa gobyerno, kana sila sige'g bale og kwarta sa gobyerno, simply stated. 'Di man makasabot ang tawo og disallowance. Sige'g cash advance, sigeg bale, unya 'di na mobayad.

(TRANSLATION: He keeps on asking for a cash advance. P***** i**. That's what's happening in government, they just keep on asking for a cash advance, simply stated. People don't understand what disallowance is. They just keep on asking for a cash advance and then refuse to pay.)

Ako ayaw ko pero they are trying to derail the itong ELCAC eh. Kaya sabi ko kanang akong pagdagan og senador wala gud 'yan (my senatorial candidacy is really nothing), pang-ekek lang. Pero kung ganito ang takbo, I'll be forced to really run for senator next election. [applause]

Maski gu'g number 10 ko. Bahala na, human na man ko (Even if I just rank 10th. Bahala na, I'm already done.)

I've had my glories in life. The adulation, tapos na ako diyan. Hindi na ako ma-impress 'yang ano, wala na. Mga banda-banda salubungin ka? Wala na 'yan. It does not mean to me --- it mean nothing to me. Kaya lang itong pangyayari ngayon, itong takbo ng ating mga... Kay gusto naman na i-amend 'yung Constitution, ayaw naman. Kaya ako 'pag nasuya (get angry) ako...

You know that at one time, yung si General --- was he a general o colonel? Iyong sa ospital, 'yung sa military, 'yung siya hao-siao 'yung pagkagawa. Sa galit ko, it was a command conference, all of the commanders of the military were there, sa galit ko --- na I thought that I had my back covered, sabi ko, "Bakit nangyari ito?" So I was forced to tanggalin 'yung si Tolentino, I don't know if he's a general or colonel, tinanggal ko talaga.

But during the command conference, binuhos ko talaga 'yung sentimiyento ko. "Do you know that..." sabi ko, "...if the chief of the Army, Air Force, pati Navy, magtindig kayo pati pulis, if

you stand now, all of you magtindig kayong apat, mag-resign ako. I'm giving up the presidency." Iyon ang... Totoo 'yan. Na --- nandiyan man 'yan sila, tanungin ninyo.

Sa galit ko talaga na pati 'yung medisina ng sundalo. Eh walang medisina, walang antibiotic, infection tapos maputol 'yung paa. Anak ng... So sabi ko kung ganito lang naman pala, 'di mag-resign na ako. What for? Magserbisyo ako nang pahirap ganito.

You know, if any politician here is aiming for the presidency, I'm telling you, huwag, huwag. Ang sisi mo na lang hanggang langit. Presidente ka, wala kang makuha except suweldo mo 200. Ako naman, wala akong cash --- wala akong --- suweldo lang talaga ako.

Iyan ang presidency, guwardiyado ka pa, hindi ka makagalaw. Tapos sabihin mo punta ka doon, ah sabihin na, "Huwag 'yan, sir, kay delikado diyan." O may gusto akong bisitahan na girl [laughter] sabihin din nila na, "Huwag 'yan kasi hindi pa nag --- nalinis."

Eh alam mo... 'Di mahilig talaga ako sa --- hindi 'yang mahilig sa --- not in the vulgar way. Mahilig ako mag-ano ng magagandang babae kasi... Iyon lang. Iyon lang ang makuha ko. Marami akong... Kanina pa ako sige tingin diyan. Kaya lang 'pag magtingin ako, tingin sa akin, magtingin ako kunwari doon sa military. [laughter] Iyan lang man ang consuelo natin. After this, what? I retire and die. So what's the point of...

Ngayon kung mangurakot ka, ah bilyon. Easily mag-one billion? Isang transaction lang 'yan, isa lang, isang reclamation... Kung magkurakot ka, bilyonaryo ka. Ako, wala akong --- hindi ako mag... Ang kaligayahan ko lang magtingin ng maganda. [cheers and applause] Kaya --- kaya kayong maganda diyan, huwag kayong umalis --- ang Tagalog --- huwag kayong umalis kaagad kay magbaba ako diyan [laughter] mag-shake hands lang ako. [laughter]

'Pag walang... I am addressing now myself with the military. If you do not have the cooperation of the barangay and the people, wala, mahirap talaga. You have to address first the --- dito ka sa baba, huwag sa itaas.

Now itong fighting, it's part of your everyday job, dito ka talaga because without the support, the Davao experience, 'pag hindi galing ang ground swell, hindi ka mag-umpisa sa tao, wala talaga.

Now, city mayor. 'Pag ang city mayor ayaw ng droga sa siyudad niya at ang chief of police sumunod doon talaga sa trabaho niya, walang droga. Walang mangyayaring droga. Ayaw niya ng sugal, ayaw niya ng kalokohan, masunod 'yan. 'Pag sabi niya ganito, 'yan dapat. But it takes time to cultivate the --- propagate the response.

Pagka --- kung 'yang chief of police mo muingon ka sabihin mo, 'yan ayaw ko ng sugal; lahat ng terorista patayin mo. That's why I said itong droga it is destroying my country and it is destroying the youth of the land. P***... Hindi tayo mayaman. 'Pag matanda tayo, wala tayong pang-ospital na four months, five months sa ospital ka. Pakainin ka, 'yung medisina mo sila ang magbili.

Eh kung mga lahat ng ‘tong mga Pilipino ‘yung majority ng --- maging gunggong? You are simply destroying my country if you would... Kaya ako, sabi ko sa International Criminal Court if you destroy my country, I will kill you. Sigurado ‘yan. If you destroy our children, ‘yun lang naman ang pag-asa na pagtanda namin ‘yun na ang mag-alaga sa amin. Kung gawain ninyong gunggong, talagang patayin ko kayo. Iyan klarong-klaro ‘yan. That’s intended sa mga taong sige daw sabi patay. Totoo ‘yan. Sirain mo bayan ko.

I also call on the local chief executives in the Zamboanga Peninsula to harmonize your efforts in the fight against lawlessness and insurgency, and to support the government’s key programs in achieving sustainable peace and progress.

Iyan lang naman ang ano diyan. Gamitin mo ‘yung power mo and I will back you up. Just like the military, sabi ko nga sa kanila, “Go out and destroy the apparatus of the drug syndicates, hunt them down. If they choose to fight you violently, kill them.” That’s my order. Ako ang magsagot.

But sabi ko, ako, I will not face a tribunal ng mga puti. P***** i** ninyo. Magpunta sa Hague then they will try me? I will never allow that. I will face a Philippine court before a Filipino judge. I will be prosecuted, so be it, by a prosecutor --- of which I was once upon a time a fiscal - -- I will only allow that.

And if I am convicted it must be a Philippine court. And if I go to prison, Muntinlupa ako. Doon ka --- ako mag --- to face a... Itong mga puti, who are you to judge us? Akala nila magpunta-punta sila dito. Eh idemanda nila ako pagkatapos.

Now, sabi ko itong mga pulis pati military, I will assume full responsibility, I will be responsible for the acts they committed in line of duty. Ako, ako ang magpakulong, hindi sila.

We are confident of prevailing over the enemies of peace and order even as we continue to address the many other challenges ahead of us.

Be assured we will rally behind you as we keep our motherland safe and secure for the sake of the entire Filipino nation.

Maraming salamat po sa inyo. [applause]

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