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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ACCREDITATION FOR PARTNER CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS OF OPAPP

Greetings of peace!

The Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) recognizes the importance of establishing networks and institutionalizing the setting up of democratic safe spaces for civil society organizations (CSOs) to participate in peacebuilding and good governance. Further, the agency believes that working closely with the CSOs will allow a deep understanding of local situations, as well as ensure that programs and projects are based on the current contexts and dynamics on the ground.

For 2021, we shall intensify our social healing and peacebuilding efforts, especially in conflict-affected communities and be more deliberate in our efforts to mobilize and facilitate people's active participation in the peace process. In line with this, grassroots CSOs by shall be encouraged to apply for accreditation to be qualified implementers of OPAPP projects and programs. For this purpose, the amended CSO Accreditation Guidelines shall be disseminated and CSOs shall be assisted in undertaking the accreditation process.

In furtherance of inclusive and participatory governance, the General Appropriations Act of 2017, including the succeeding statutes thereafter, provided for a section which lays down the necessary conditions for government agencies to establish partnerships with CSOs, allowing them to apply as implementers or become beneficiaries of government programs or projects.

In this regard, our agency is cordially inviting CSOs to apply for accreditation under OPAPP to become eligible as implementers of OPAPP's programs, projects or activities. Partner CSOs may access the CSO accreditation guidelines which detail the documentary requirements, along with the templates to be filled-out through this link: <u>here</u>. Interested applicant CSOs shall submit the requirements along with **a letter of application** addressed to the following:

Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr.

Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity 7th Floor, Agustin I Building, F. Ortigas Jr., Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

Attention:

Assistant Secretary Andres S. Aguinaldo

Head, CSO Accreditation Committee

For queries or clarifications, you may contact Ms. Fatima del Valle of the CSO Accreditation Committee Secretariat, at 8636-0701 local 845 or tim.delvalle@peace.gov.ph.

Thank you for your unwavering support to the peace process!