To the Embassy of the Philippines, 
Oslo, Norway 

Stockholm, November 13th, 2019 

About the situation for the National Council of Churches in the Philippines 

It has come to our attention that the National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) as well as other civil rights organizations are listed as communist terror groups. We strongly reject this unequitable statement and we want to express our support for the NCCP as a sister organization. 

National Councils of Churches in the Philippines are formed by churches that together strive to strengthen Christian unity in each country. In the Philippines, as in other areas in the world, the ecumenical work is often influenced by the aim to achieve equality, protection of human rights and a profound respect for every human beings’ inviolable dignity based on the faith that all humans beings are created in the image of God. National Councils of Churches, “Churches Together”, often take a stand supporting the most vulnerable in the society. They do not support political parties but rather provide a voice for the most vulnerable in the society. 

National Council of Churches in the Philippines support fighting poverty and drug trade, support for the indigenous people and marginalized groups. Several member churches in the Christian Council of Sweden are closely related to member churches in the NCCP. 

The Christian Council of Sweden has 26 member churches, and 3 observing members, which are churches together in faith and in action. In the worldwide ecumenism, many national councils are standing by each other, and therefore we strongly reject the allegations against the NCCP. 

On behalf of the Christian Council of Sweden. 

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