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## **CHALLENGE OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO THE AQUINO REGIME**

In the nine years of Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's rule, we, the indigenous peoples experienced the worst difficulties and poverty; and the intensified violations of our individual and collective rights as a people.

While arrogantly declaring that it would grant our recognized territories, the Arroyo regime continuously opened and bargained away our ancestral lands and natural resources to foreign corporations. Forty two out of the 63 priority mining projects of the Arroyo regime cover our ancestral lands. Alongside mining and other destructive projects, the Arroyo's regime's ambitious and brutal Oplan Bantay Laya I and II to crush the the armed revolutionary forces in the country only intensified the militarization of our communities and widespread violation of the individual and collective rights. In these nine years, this situation was aggravated by the constant increase of the prices of basic commodities, series of calamities that destroyed our communities, the lack of the government's support for our livelihood and the continued neglect for, basic social services in our communities, such as education and health services.

Our experience under the Arroyo Regime is the objective basis for us indigenous peoples to present our challenge to the newly elected Pres. Benigno C. Aquino, III.

### **1. Stop the plunder of our ancestral domain**

- \* Include in the priority legislative agenda the review of all laws that grossly violate our rights to our ancestral domains, such as the Mining Act of 1995 (RA 7942), the NIPAS Law (RA 7586) and the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act (RA8371). Call for the enactment of a mining law based on the People's Mining policy.
- Revoke the National Minerals Policy (NMP), Mining Action Plan (MAP), DENR Memorandum Order 2010-04 and all other policies and executive orders of the former Pres. Arroyo that facilitates or expedites the plunder of our ancestral lands and natural resources by foreign and local capitalist corporations.
- Impose a moratorium on new mining applications and approval of pending applications.
- Review and immediately cancel all existing mining contracts and agreements that have been proven to be destructive to our lives and environment and all that have violated our rights as indigenous peoples.
- Make accountable all corporations that have violated our collective rights and caused the destruction of our land and environment. Order them to indemnify all affected communities and rehabilitate the areas that were plundered and destroyed by their operations, like for instance what has happened among the Aetas of Zambales.

### **2. Stop all destructive "developmental projects" in our ancestral lands**

- Review the possible decommissioning of the San Roque Multi-purpose Dam and other large

dams destroyed our communities and continue to pose a threat not only to indigenous communities but other communities.

- Stop the planned construction of mega dams within our ancestral lands such as the Laiban Dam, Pulangi V and Agus Dam.
- Revoke the Integrated Forestry Management Agreement (IFMA).
- Cancel all large-scale and commercial logging concessions in ancestral lands
- Hold accountable all corporations who have caused the destruction of the environments, rivers, forests and our livelihood. Ensure that these corporations rehabilitate what they have destroyed and compensate those who have lost their source of livelihood.

### **3. Repeal the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act (RA8371)**

- Revoke IPRA
- Investigate and hold accountable all corrupt officials and staff of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and all other government agencies who have violated our rights.

### **4. Immediately end the widespread militarization and blatant violation of our individual and collective rights as indigenous peoples.**

- Stop the implementation of the National Integrated Security Plan (NISP) and Oplan Bantay Laya (OBL) and the NISP-IP that caused the militarization of our communities and the political killings, abduction and enforced disappearances not only of indigenous peoples but of activists, media persons and human rights defenders.
- Pull-out military troops and demilitarize our communities. Implement the Comprehensive Agreement on the Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL) that prohibits the physical basing or the setting up of military camps within communities, under houses, schools, day care centers, barangay halls, health centers, dap-ay, or any other public places, sacred grounds and properties of indigenous peoples.
- Dismantle Task Force Gantangan, Bagani Force, Bulif, Alamara and all other para-military groups that have sown fear among Lumads in Mindanao and other indigenous communities.
- Stop the recruitment of the indigenous peoples into the Citizens Armed Force Geographical Unit (CAFGU). This has been causing undue division and animosity among the tribes and communities.

### **5. Give justice and indemnify indigenous peoples whose rights have been violated**

- Surface James Moy Balao and all other abducted activists
- Free Ray-om Among, John Mark Barientos and Angela Doloricon who are among the Morong 43; Eddie Cruz and all other political detainees
- Investigate and give justice to the more than 139 victims of extra-judicial killings who are indigenous peoples, and provide concrete support to their families and all other victims of the terrorist state.
- Stop the repeated forced evacuation of indigenous peoples communities, especially the Lumads in Mindanao. Stop the ruthless bombings of our communities. Rehabilitate our communities that have been destroyed and compensate us for the disruption of our livelihood disrupted and properties damaged.
- Cancel all SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) suits and all baseless warrants of arrest that have been issued indigenous peoples such as the case against 7 Lumad leaders in Sta Cruz, Davao del Sur.

**6. Advance Peace Talks**

- Resume the peace talks between the GRP and NDF.
- Seriously implement the Comprehensive Agreement on the Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL) and all other international agreements related to human rights.

**7. Implement the international agreements on the recognition of the rights of the indigenous peoples to which the Philippine Government is a signatory of.**

- Sincerely implement the UN Declaration of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
- Adopt and implement the recommendations of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), the Alston Report and Stavenhagen Report.