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MEMORANDUM

TO : All DENR Regional Executive Directors

FROM : The Undersecretary

Finance, Information System and Climate Change

SUBJECT : Request for the Nomination of a City per Region for the Program

on "Harnessing Cities' Share in the Implementation of the ENR Component of the Philippines' Nationally Determined

Contribution

DATE : **6 December 2021**

We are providing you herewith a copy of the project completion report on "Ambitious City Promises" (ACP) project implemented by the ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, and was funded by the German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) through the International Climate Initiatives (IKI), with supervision from the DENR Foreign-assisted and Special Projects Service, and where the Climate Change Service (CCS) served as a member of the Project Steering Committee. The City of Pasig and satellite cities (Marikina and Parañaque) generated greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction pledges and commitments on waste management, air and water quality, including ecology (urban biodiversity and forestry), and health and safety.

For Fiscal Year 2022, the DENR Operational Planning Guidelines have included our proposed program on "Harnessing the Cities' Share in the Implementation of ENR's Component of the Philippines' Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). This program seeks to support the implementation of the NDC under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that will engage industries, national agencies, and local government units in the continuing enhancement of NDC targets of the Industrial Processes and Product Use, and Wastes sectors and make them responsive to the global call of limiting temperature increase by 1.5 degrees Celsius. The project outcomes of the completed ACP Project will be replicated on selected cities in your respective regions. The CCS will provide capacity building and guidance to the Regional Offices to help your selected highly urbanized cities set and achieve their GHG emission reduction pledges and commitment. The process will involve setting up the institutional structures, assessing

policies, plans and capacity needs in setting baseline city-level GHG emissions, building capacities of the LGU through training and peer-to-peer learning exchanges, stakeholder engagements, defining GHG reduction or avoidance targets, prioritization of mitigation strategies, and developing Measurement, Reporting and Verification plans, implementing demonstration projects and developing proposals to access finance.

In view of the above, **please nominate** one highly urbanized city in your region for possible replication of the experiences of the project. A copy of the initial list of cities is also attached for your reference/perusal. We would appreciate receiving a response on or before December 15, 2021. Our staff, Mr. Ronnel Andrew Noprada with email address: ccs@denr.gov.ph and telephone number (8)928-1194 will be communicating with your office regarding this matter.

For your consideration and appropriate action.

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cc: The Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment The Bureau Directors (EMB, BMB, FMB) The Regional Directors, EMB