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Manila, August 11, 2021

The Counsellor for Cooperation and Cultural Action

Undersecretary Edilberto DC. Leonardo  
OIC Director  
Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) - DENR

**Subject: Support of the Embassy of France to the Philippines for the return of Mr. Frederic Tardieu and his spouse to the Philippine territory following their travel to France in order to participate in the IUCN World Congress**

Dear Undersecretary Edilberto DC. Leonardo,

Mr. Frederic Tardieu, accompanied by his wife, is expected to travel to France in order to attend the IUCN World Congress, which will take place from September 3 to 11, 2021 in Marseille. This important event, which will bring together government officials, international experts, and NGOs in order to discuss global biodiversity conservation issues, represents a vital step in developing a new international framework for biodiversity, which will be voted upon during the COP 15 for Biodiversity in Kunming, China.

As President of the Sulubaaï Foundation, Mr. Tardieu has been invited to represent the Global South at the IUCN World Congress on the following theme: "Innovative solutions for restoration and conservation: federalizing international alliances." On this occasion, he will present the work carried out within the framework of the SEA ACADEMY project in Shark Fin Bay in Palawan, and on its island of Pangatalan, through the various speeches that he is expected to deliver throughout this Forum.

I also take this opportunity to reaffirm the support of France and of the French Embassy in the Philippines in favor of the protection of the global environment, particularly of the coral reefs of the Philippines. The SEA ACADEMY project of the Sulubaaï Foundation is one of the major French-Philippine cooperation initiatives that materializes our commitment to the protection of the marine environment in the Philippines.

I would be very grateful if you could kindly extend any assistance necessary in order to facilitate the return to the Philippines of Mr. Tardieu and his spouse following his participation in this Congress in France.

Thanking you for your kind consideration to this request, please accept, Undersecretary Edilberto DC. Leonardo, the expression of my highest consideration.

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