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Dear **Assistant Secretary Amaro, Jr.**,

Warm greetings!

The UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines (UNACOM) respectfully invites you and your team in the following site visits, and corresponding courtesy calls to its officials and stakeholders, following the assumption of Dr. Ivan Henares as our new Secretary-General:

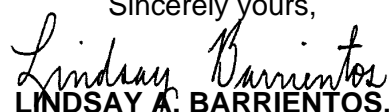
- Palawan – Tabon Cave Complex and all of Lipuun (27 – 30 March 2023)
- Batanes Protected Landscapes and Seascapes (11 – 15 April 2023)

UNACOM Secretary-General Ivan Henares will be joined by the undersigned and our Programme Officer for Culture Rajee Florido in the mentioned travels. Meanwhile, Programme Officer for Natural Science Gay Alfred Blanco will join the Palawan leg together with Administrative Assistant Kristine Garcia; and Administrative Officer Laurence Dumadag for Batanes.

Given the mandate of your good Office in mainstreaming UNESCO programmes in the country, in particular to the World Heritage Programme and Biosphere Reserves to name a few, UNACOM deems your participation as necessary and beneficial. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the National Museum of the Philippines (NMP) will also participate in this interagency activity. We have also invited the Department of Tourism (DOT), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), and other relevant Offices to join the official trip.

Should you accept our invitation, we hope that DENR-BMB could shoulder the expenses of your representatives. Our Programme Officers who can be reached through the following contact details: Mr. Rajee Florido at (+63) 945-772-3177, rajeeflorido@gmail.com and Mr. Freddie Blanco at (+63) 908-863-3981 and fablanco1966@gmail.com, will be communicating with your Office through phone call for confirmation and further details on our upcoming work trip to Palawan and Batanes.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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