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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: The Director

Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO THE HYBRID TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

(TWG) AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON PHILIPPINE BUILDING ACT OF 2022 FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON

PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: 15 September 2023

In reference to the email received by our Office on the same date, the Committee on Public Works will conduct a Hybrid Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting on 19 September 2023, Tuesday, 10:00 A.M., at the Senator Vicente Sotto Room, 2nd Floor, Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City and via Cisco Webex as virtual platform. The following legislative measures will be taken up in the said meeting:

- I. Audit and Review of Buildings and Structures in Full Compliance to the National Building Code:
 - 1. Senate Resolution No. 67 Resolution Urging the Department of Public Works and Highways and All Local Government Units to Conduct an Immediate Audit and Review of Existing Buildings and Structures in their Respective Jurisdictions Thereby Ensuring Full Compliance to the Standards Set by the National Building Code on Structural Safety and Integrity With the End in View to Protect the People Against Avoidable Damages to Property and Loss of Lives and Build Better Infrastructures and to Review the National Building Code for Possible Amendments to Conform with Present Circumstances (Introduced by Sen. Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.)
 - 2. **Senate Resolution No. 150** Resolution Directing the Senate Committee on Public Works, to Conduct an Inquiry, In Aid of Legislation, On the

Structural Integrity of All Buildings, Bridges, Roads, Railways, Schools, Hospitals, Churches, and Other Infrastructures, After the 7.0 Magnitude Earthquake that Hit Northern Luzon, In Order to Institute Measures That Would Make the Infrastructures in the Country Disaster Resilient, and Ensure the Safety of the General Public in Case of Natural Man-Made Calamities (Introduced by Sen. Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa)

II. Philippine Building Act of 2022

- Senate Bill No. 1181 An Act Regulating the Planning, Design, Construction, Occupancy and Maintenance of Buildings, Promoting Building Resilience Versus Fire, Flood, Storm, Earthquake and Multiple Hazards, Enacting a New Philippine Building Act, Thereby Repealing Presidential Decree No. 1096, And For Other Purposes (Introduced by Sen. Christopher "Bong" Go)
- 2. **Senate Bill No. 1467** An Act Establishing the Philippine Building Act of 2022, Otherwise Known as the 'Adopting a National Building Code of the Philippines (NBCP) Thereby Revising Republic Act Numbered Sixty-Five Hundred Forty-One (R.A. No. 6541) (Introduced by Sen. Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.)

In this regard, we invite you or your representative to attend the Hybrid TWG and **submit your comments/recommendations**, as requested by the Committee. Kindly inform us of the name/s of the representative/s from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s. Further, kindly submit your comments **on or before 18 September 2023** via email at denrllo@denr.gov.ph.

Attached herewith is a copy of the Letter Invitation and the copies of the bills may be accessed through this link: https://tinyurl.com/mw3dvb5u

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