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September 2, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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Ermita, Manila 1000

Attn : The Chief, Legal Division

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **LETTER DATED MAY 18, 2022 FROM THE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL ANTI-CORRUPTION
COMMISSION RE: COMPLAINT OF THE SAMAHAN NG
MGA MAGSASA KA NG ZIGZAG, STA. LUCIA, PUERTO
PRINCESA CITY (SMZSLUPC) [CO-2022-89780]**

This refers to your Memorandum dated July 11, 2022 pertaining to the above-subject and directing the undersigned to conduct investigation in coordination with the concerned parties to determine the veracity of the complaint.

In compliance thereto, the undersigned is forwarding the report in CSW form prepared by Land Management Officer III, David F. Dalino. Taking into consideration the said report, the undersigned avers the following:

First, the DENR officials did not sit on the request but rather performed all acts required within their mandates and responsibilities. The series of correspondences and communications made by the DENR officials (CENRO Puerto Princesa City, PENRO and OIC-RED MIMAROPA Region) support the actions done by DENR¹. It is to be noted that the DENR and DAR are two separate, independent, and distinct government agencies. The actions of one government agency does not define that of the others, and vice-versa.

Second, it is evident from the complaint and various correspondences that SMZSLUPC seems to insist outright acquisition of 1,150 hectares to be allocated by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) by invoking Section 2 of Executive Order No. 75, series of 2019, which provides that:

"Section 2. Identification of government owned agricultural lands. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this order, all departments, bureaus, offices and instrumentalities of the government shall identify their lands devoted to or suitable for agriculture and no longer actually, directly and exclusively used necessary for the

¹ Please refer to the attached report of LMO Dalino with tabular chronology of actions taken by the office.

purpose for which they have been reserved or acquired, and thereafter submit a list thereof to the DAR, indicating the location of the said lands, actual use and legal basis of ownership.” (Emphasis ours)

The complainant, however, failed to consider Sections 1 and 4 of same Executive Order No. 75, series of 2019, which provide that:

“Section 1. Acquisition of government owned agricultural lands. Subject to the limitations and conditions provided under applicable laws, rules and issuances, the DAR shall acquire all lands devoted to or suitable for agriculture, …” (Emphasis ours).

“Section 4. Transfer and Distribution. Subject to restrictions under applicable laws, rules and issuances, the DAR shall acquire the identified lands of concerned agencies for eventual distribution thereof to qualified beneficiaries, for cultivation or agricultural use.” (Emphasis ours)

Accordingly, the acquisition/transfer could not be made outright since this will still be subject to limitations and conditions provided in other laws, rules and issuances.

Third, the lands subject of this compliant are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor)- Iwahig Penal and Prison Farm (IPPF) of the Department of Justice by virtue of Executive Order No. 67 dated October 15, 1912. As such, the area must be first segregated from the operation of said order.

Fourth, review of our records disclosed that the subject land falls within the classification of UNCLASSIFIED PUBLIC FOREST. As such, these lands remain to be part of the public land, and thus, inalienable and indispossessionable.

In the case of Federation of Coron, Busuanga, Palawan Farmer’s Association, Inc. (FCBPFAI), *G.R. No. 247866, Sept. 15, 2020*, the Supreme Court clarified that unclassified lands of public domain shall not be subject to alienation or disposition to private persons, to wit:

“The said provision is consistent with the Constitutional mandate of the Regalian Doctrine that lands of public domain, whether unclassified, forest, or mineral lands, remain within the ownership of the State and shall not be subject to alienation or disposition of private persons. Absent any positive act of the government to classify a land of public domain into alienable or disposable land for agricultural or other purposes, it remains with the State”

Finally, complainants cannot put the blame on the DENR officials as these limitations and considerations were clearly communicated to them in a letter dated August 08, 2017 issued by DENR OIC, Regional Director, Natividad Y. Bernardino² stating that: (1) the area being requested is covered by Executive Order No. 67 dated October 15, 1912, which established the Iwahig Penal Colony, hence, the assessment and delineation was not done in the area; (2) the area must be first segregated from the operation of Executive Order No. 67, declaring the same as Resettlement and Agricultural site purposes; (3) advising them to request/solicit from representative in Congress to file a bill supporting the request for land classification; and (4) secure clearance from the Department of Justice since the area is within the supervision of the said department.”

Considering the foregoing, it is submitted that the DENR officials (then CENRO Puerto Princesa City Felizardo B. Cayatoc, PENRO Eriberto B. Santos and OIC RED Natividad Y. Bernardino) involved in the allegations of the Complaint only acted within the scope of their authority. In addition, there were no other allegations pertaining to the DENR officials, except as to the act of adopting the position of DARPO Palawan that the

² This was attached as Annex “L of the Complaint-Affidavit of the SMZSLLP.

1,150 hectares from Sta. Lucia Sub-Colony of IPPF cannot be covered by CARP and EO No. 75 unless reclassified as alienable and disposable.

For your evaluation and appropriate action.

Copy Furnished:

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Ms. Maria Nerissa A. Molina Carpio
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Department of Justice

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August 26, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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Attn : The Chief, Legal Division

THRU : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

FROM : The Land Management Officer III

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Relative to the above subject, the undersigned respectfully submits the selected **particular relevant actions taken** by the Community Environment and Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) specifically needed in response related to the complaint, **Resolution No. 08 2020** passed by the SMZSLUPC before the Office of the President requesting the conduct of investigation against government officials from the DAR, **DENR-CENRO PPC** and IPPF, in the alleged non-compliance to Executive Order No. 75, as hereunder stated as follows:

That on August 23, 2018 a letter of Mr. Fransisco P. Cabuverde, President SMZSLLP to Hon. Wendel E. Avisado Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns informing of the concerned government agencies insincerity doing their respective job in response to their request for issuance of Proclamation Order declaring 1,150 hectares out of 42,000 hectares of Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF).

That on April 8, 2019 the Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns, Wendel E. Avisado wrote a letter to then DENR Secretary, Roy A. Cimatu for evaluation of their merits of the request in accordance with existing guidelines and other applicable laws, rules and regulations by acknowledging that delineation and classification is within the agency's administrative and technical jurisdiction.

That on April 12, 2019, a memo from Office of the DENR, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City to DENR-MIMAROPA RED, Henry A. Adornado, Ph.D. to conduct necessary investigation in coordination with BuCor and DAR regarding the concern of the association.

That undated letter of Mr. Reynulfo A. Juan from the office of DENR, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City informing the Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns, Mr. Wendel E. Avisado of the instructions to RED Henry A. Adornado, Ph.D. to conduct investigation in coordination with BuCor and DAR in response to letter of SMZSLPP.

That on April 25, 2019 the OIC-CENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc wrote a letter addressed to CSSUPT. Geraldo I. Aro, IPPF Superintendent (BuCor) **seeking opinion** in relation to PENRO Eriberto B. Sanos memo dated April 02, 2019 regarding Resolution No. 04-2019 of SMZLPP "A Resolution urging the Superintendent of Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm, the Director of Bureau of Corrections, PARO of Palawan and the Secretary of DAR to place subject area of petition approximately 1,150 hectares, situated at Purok Zigzag 1, Luzviminda, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program."

That on June 27, 2019 the OIC-CENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc wrote a letter to Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde informing the latter that their concerns for the issuance of their requested Proclamation order was elevated to BuCor IPPF Superintendent for opinion and comment with respect that the area involved is with their jurisdiction by virtue of E.O. No. 67.

That on September 20, 2019, RED Henry A. Adornado forwarded a memo to PENRO of Palawan referring the memo dated April 12, 2019 of Asec for Field Operations forwarding the letter from the Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns regarding the letter of SMZSLPP President, Francisco Cabuverde with instruction to conduct investigation.

That on November 5, 2019, the PENRO Palawan forwarded a memo to CENRO of Puerto Princesa City reiterating the thru channel memo of same instructions.

That on September 13, 2019, there was a memo of OIC-CENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc forwarded to DENR MIMAROPA Regional office in response to the PENRO memo dated September 3, 2019 in line with the ARD for Technical Services Division addressing the letter dated October 8, 2018 of Atty. Mcjill Bryant T. Fernandez, Acting Deputy Executive Secretary for General Administration, Office of the Malacanang, Manila concerning the letter of SMZSLP President, Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde. By stressing the office actions of the concerns for possible issuance of proclamation order recommending that Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde will directly coordinate with DAR and DOJ-BuCor, Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm the status of their request having jurisdiction on the matter.

That on December 02, 2019 another memo of OIC-CENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc was forwarded to the RED in compliance with the PENRO Memo dated November 5, 2019 in response to memoranda with similar instructions from MIMAROPA Regional Executive Director, OIC-Assistant Secretary for Field Operations regarding the letter from Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns addressing the letter of Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde, President of SMZSLP. Stressing in the same memo the action taken by CENR Office and the recommendation that the matter be directly coordinated with the DAR and DOJ-BuCor.

That on December 18, 2019 the PENRO issued a memo forwarding the CENRO memo to the Regional Office for reference, evaluation and further appropriate action.

ISSUES

Whether the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) has violated the provisions specified under the Executive Order No. 75 by non-compliance to its mandate provided to Section 2 which states that "Identification of government owned agricultural lands. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this order, all departments, bureaus, offices and instrumentalities of the government shall identify their lands devoted to or suitable for agriculture and no longer actually, directly and exclusively used necessary for the purpose for which they have been reserved or acquired, and thereafter submit a list thereof to the DAR, indicating the location of the said lands, actual use and legal basis of ownership."

COMMENTS/DISCUSSIONS

In line of the above presentation of actions taken, it will be observed that no glimpse of violation established against the provision under Section 2 of the Executive Order No. 75 made by the DENR CENRO of Puerto Princesa City. Instead, the said Office has **provided the needed support** to make the Proclamation possible upon request of the Samahan ng mga Magsasaka ng Zigzag, Sta. Lucia, Puerto Princesa City (SMZSLUPC).

Having the land involved per record falls within unclassified public forest and under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor)- Iwahig Penal and Prison Farm (IPPF) of the Department of Justice by virtue of Executive Order No. 67. Nevertheless, the SMZSLUPC seems to insist outright acquisition of 1,150 hectares to be allocated by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) by invoking Section 2 of Executive Order No. 75 without consideration of Section 1 of same Executive Order No. 75 which states that “Acquisition of government owned agricultural lands **is subject to the limitations and conditions provided under applicable laws, and issuances**, the DAR shall acquire all lands devoted to or suitable for agriculture,...” (Emphasis supplied).

In view of the above premises, and for consideration that the concern issues was already elevated to that office per Memo dated September 13, 2019 and Memo dated December 2, 2019, it is respectfully recommended that the complaint against DENR CENRO of Puerto Princesa City be set aside.

The undersigned being an under oath person hereby certify under the penalty of perjury that the above prepared statements are true and correct.



DAVID F. DALINO

Note:

All support documents needed in the prepared report are hereto-attached.

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CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE OFFICE

DATE	CONTENTS
May 2017	<p>Samahan sent petition to President Duterte re: Appeal to include the subject land to CARP and be distributed to actual occupants.</p> <p>Office of the President referred to Secretaries of DAR & DENR</p>
August 08, 2017	<p>Letter of DENR OIC, Regional Director, Natividad Y. Bernadino to Mr. Francisco Cabuverde, President SMZSLPP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Informing the complainant of limitations, such as segregation from EO No. 67 establishing Iwahig Penal Colony, Congress to support reclassification, and clearance from Department of Justice.
August 23, 2018	<p>Letter of Mr. Fransisco P. Cabuverde, President SMZSLPP to Hon. Wendel E. Avisado Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Informing the latter of the concerned government agencies' insincerity in doing their respective job in response to their request for issuance of Proclamation Order declaring 1,150 hectares out of 42,000 hectares of Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF)
April 8, 2019	<p>The Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns, Wendel E. Avisado wrote a letter to then DENR Secretary, Roy A. Cimatu:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ For evaluation of the merits of the request in accordance with existing guidelines and other applicable laws, rules and regulations by acknowledging that delineation and classification is within the agency's administrative and technical jurisdiction.
April 12, 2019	<p>Memorandum from Office of the DENR, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City to DENR-MIMAROPA RED, Henry A. Adornado, Ph.D.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ To conduct necessary investigation in coordination with BuCor and DAR regarding the concern of the association.
Undated letter	<p>Mr. Reynulfo A. Juan from the office of DENR, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Informing the Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns, Mr. Wendel E. Avisado of the instructions to RED Henry A. Adornado, Ph.D. to conduct investigation in coordination with BuCor and DAR in response to letter of SMZSLPP.
April 25, 2019	<p>OIC-CENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc wrote a letter addressed to CSSUPT. Geraldo I. Aro, IPPF Superintendent (BuCor):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Seeking opinion in relation to PENRO Eriberto B. Sanos memo dated April 02, 2019 regarding Resolution No. 04-2019 of SMZLPP "A Resolution urging the Superintendent of Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm, the Director of Bureau of Corrections, PARO of Palawan and the Secretary of DAR to place subject area of petition approximately 1,150 hectares, situated at Purok Zigzag 1, Luzviminda, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program."

June 27, 2019	<p>OIC-CENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc wrote a letter to Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Informing the latter that their concerns for the issuance of their requested Proclamation order was elevated to BuCor IPPF Superintendent for opinion and comment with respect that the area involved is with their jurisdiction by virtue of E.O. No. 67.
September 13, 2019	<p>Memorandum of OIC-CENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc forwarded to DENR MIMAROPA Regional office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ In response to the PENRO memo dated September 3, 2019 regarding the letter of ARD for Technical Services Division addressing the letter dated October 8, 2018 of Atty. Mcjill Bryant T. Fernandez, Acting Deputy Executive Secretary for General Administration, Office of the Malacanang, Manila concerning the letter of SMZSLLP President, Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde. ◆ Stressing the actions of the CENRO on the request of SMZSLLP for possible issuance of proclamation order, further recommending that Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde directly coordinates with DAR and DOJ-BuCor, Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm which have jurisdiction on the matter.
September 20, 2019	<p>RED Henry A. Adornado forwarded a memo to PENRO of Palawan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Referring the memo dated April 12, 2019 of Asec for Field Operations, forwarding the letter from the Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns regarding the letter of SMZSLPP President, Francisco Cabuverde with instruction to conduct investigation.
November 5, 2019	<p>PENRO Palawan forwarded a memo to CENRO of Puerto Princesa City:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Reiterating the thru channel memo of same above instruction for .
December 02, 2019	<p>Another memo of OIC-CENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc was forwarded to the RED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ In compliance with the PENRO Memo dated November 5, 2019 in response to memoranda with similar instructions from MIMAROPA Regional Executive Director, OIC-Assistant Secretary for Field Operations regarding the letter from Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns addressing the letter of Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde, President of SMZSLLP. ◆ Stressing in the same memo the action taken by CENR Office and the recommendation that the matter be directly coordinated with the DAR and DOJ-BuCor.
December 18, 2019	<p>PENRO issued a memo forwarding the CENRO memo to the Regional Office for reference, evaluation and further appropriate action.</p>



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December 18, 2019

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR- MIMAROPA Region
1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd.
Ermita, Manila

FROM : The OIC- PENR Officer

SUBJECT : **LETTER DATED APRIL 08, 2019 RE: LETTER FROM MR. FRANCISCO CABUVERDE, RESIDENT OF SAMAHAN NG MGA MAGSASA KA NG ZIGZAG, STA. LUCIA AT LUZVIMINDA, PUERTO PRINCESA INC. (SMZSLPP) (ASRMD-2019-0012580 (DOC. REF. NO. 2019-8426)**

Respectfully forwarded is the Memorandum of information (with attached specified enclosures) dated December 2, 2019 of CENRO-Puerto Princesa City in response to various thru channel memoranda regarding the above subject.

For his reference, evaluation and further appropriate action.


ERIBERTO B. SANOS, CESE

Cc.

The CENRO
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

Mr. Francisco Cabuverde
SMZSLPP, President
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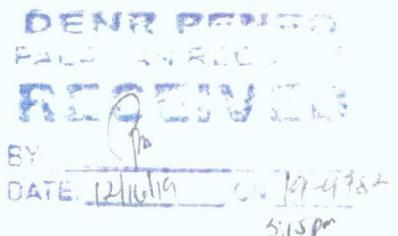
MEMORANDUM

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THRU : The OIC-Provincial Environment and
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Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The OIC-Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
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SUBJECT : **LETTER DATED APRIL 08, 2019 RE: LETTER FROM MR. FRANCISCO CABUVERDE, PRESIDENT OF SAMAHAN NG MGA MAGSASA KA NG ZIGZAG, STA. LUCIA AT LUZVIMINDA, PUERTO PRINCESA INC. (SMZSLPP) (ASRMD-2019-001258) (DOC. REF NO. 2019-8426)**



This pertains to PENRO Memorandum dated November 05, 2019 which was received by this Office on November 12, 2019 anent to Memorandum dated September 26, 2019 from the Regional Executive Director with attached Memorandum dated April 12, 2019 from the OIC Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Southern Luzon Reynulfo A. Juan regarding the letter dated April 08, 2019 from Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns Wendel E. Avisado of the Office of the President relative to the letter dated August 23, 2018 of Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde, President of the Samahan ng mga Magsasaka ng Zigzag, Sta. Lucia at Luzviminda Puerto Princesa City (SMZSLPP) Inc., requesting for the issuance of Proclamation some 1,150 hectares out of the remaining 42,000 hectares of Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF), Puerto Princesa City, to be segregated from the said IPPF and placed under Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program Coverage per Sec I-A of Executive Order No. 448 dated February 14, 1991.

Please be informed that the subject matter was already endorsed by this Office to that Office per Memorandum-Transmittal dated September 13, 2019 which was sent thru PENR Office and was received on October 04, 2019 along with its attachments.

For information, the involved parcel of land of about 1,150 hectares subject for segregation situated in the Sta. Lucia Sub-colony of **Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF)**, Puerto Princesa City is within the **jurisdiction of Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) – Iwahig Penal and Prison Farm (IPPF) of the Department of Justice** by virtue of **Executive Order No. 67** issued by Governor Newton Gilbert on October 15, 1912.

Be informed further that this Office had already endorsed the matter to the IPPF Superintendent requesting their opinion and/or comment per letter dated April 25, 2019. However, this Office had not yet received any comment/clarification from that Office regarding the matter.

Moreover, per letter dated May 20, 2019 from Engr. Leandro A. Caymo, Director IV, BLTI, of the **Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)**, addressed to Mr. Jesulito O. Dalumpines of the Samahan ng Magsasaka ng Zigzag, Sta. Lucia at Luzviminda Puerto Princesa City (SMZSLP) Inc., it is informed that the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Executive Order No. 75, s. 2019 are still under review for finalization, hence, their request for coverage may be dealt with once the said guideline is officially issued. It is further informed that the subject matter was referred to the department's field level units for coordination and provision of technical assistance in relation to the coverage of government-owned lands (GOLs).

In addition, this Office had already informed Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde per letter dated June 27, 2019 that the matter was already endorsed to the IPPF Superintendent seeking their opinion/comment considering that the subject parcel of land is within their jurisdiction by virtue of Executive Order No. 67.

In this regard, respectfully endorsing the matter herewith to your Office subject for further evaluation as to the action/s taken by this Office. Further, we would like to reiterate our previous Memorandum dated September 13, 2019 recommending that Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde may directly coordinate to the **Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)** and **Department of Justice (DOJ) - Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) – Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF)** as to the status of their request having jurisdiction thereof and.

For your evaluation and further instruction.



FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

Enclosures:

PENRO Memorandum dated November 05, 2019
Memorandum dated September 26, 2019 from the Regional Executive Director
Memorandum dated April 12, 2019 from the OIC Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Southern Luzon
Letter dated April 08, 2019 from Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns
Letter dated August 23, 2018 of Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde
Memorandum-Transmittal dated September 13, 2019 of this Office
Office letter dated April 25, 2019 to IPPF Superintendent
Letter dated May 20, 2019 from Engr. Leandro A. Caymo of DAR
Office letter dated June 27, 2019 to Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde

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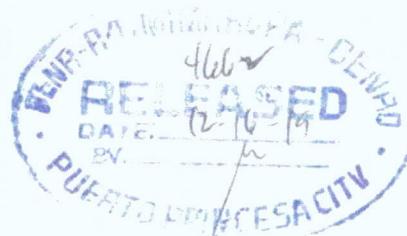
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MEMORANDUM

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THRU : The OIC-Provincial Environment and
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FROM : The OIC-Community Environment and
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SUBJECT : **LETTER DATED OCTOBER 8, 2018 OF ATTY. MCJILL
BRYANT T. FERNANDEZ, ACTING DEPUTY EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE
OF THE MALACAÑANG, MANILA (ASRMD-2018-0029656)**

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This pertains to PENRO Memorandum¹ dated September 03, 2019 which was received by this Office on September 06, 2019 anent to Memorandum² dated June 07, 2019 from ARD for Technical Services Division, Vicente B. Tuddao, Jr., *Ph.D.*, *CESO IV*, along with its attachments³ regarding the letter³ dated May 24, 2018 of Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde, President of the **Samahan ng mga Magsasaka ng Zigzag, Sta. Lucia at Luzviminda Puerto Princesa City (SMZSLLP) Inc.** which was addressed to then Secretary for Special Concerns, Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go of the Office of the President, requesting for the issuance of Proclamation declaring a parcel of land of about 1,150 hectares, situated in the **Sta. Lucia Sub-colony of Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF), Puerto Princesa City**, open for distribution under the **Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP)**.

Please be informed that per letter⁴ dated May 20, 2019 from Engr. Leandro A. Caymo, Director IV, BLTI, of the **Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)**, addressed to Mr. Jesulito O. Dalumpines of the **Samahan ng Magsasaka ng Zigzag, Sta. Lucia at Luzviminda Puerto Princesa City (SMZSLLP) Inc.**, it is informed that the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Executive Order No. 75, s. 2019 are still under review for finalization, hence, their request for coverage may be dealt with once the said guideline is officially issued. It is further informed that the subject matter was referred to the department's field level units for coordination and provision of technical assistance in relation to the coverage of government-owned lands (GOLs).

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Moreover, the subject parcel of land of about 1,150 hectares, situated in the Sta. Lucia Sub-colony of **Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF)**, Puerto Princesa City is within the **jurisdiction of Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) – Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF)** of the **Department of Justice** by virtue of Executive Order No. 67 issued by Governor Newton Gilbert on October 15, 1912.

In this regard, it is hereby recommended that Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde may directly coordinate to the **Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)** and **Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) – Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF)** as to the status of their request having jurisdiction thereof.

For your evaluation and further instruction.



FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

Enclosures:

- ¹ PENRO Memorandum dated September 03, 2019
- ² Memorandum dated June 07, 2019 from ARD for Technical Services Division with enclosures*
- *Memorandum dated October 22, 2018 from Undersecretary and Chief of Staff Rodolfo C. Garcia
- *Letter dated October 22, 2018 from Undersecretary and Chief of Staff Rodolfo C. Garcia
- *Letter dated October 08, 2018 from Acting Deputy Executive Secretary for General Admin. McJill Bryant T. Fernandez
- ³ Letter dated May 08, 2018 of Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde
- ⁴ Letter dated May 20, 2019 from Engr. Leandro A. Caymo of DAR

Copy furnished:

Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde

President, Samahan ng mga Magsasaka ng Zigzag, Sta. Lucia at Luzviminda (SMZSLI.P) Inc.
Purok Zigzag, Brgy. Luzviminda, Puerto Princesa City

Atty. McJill Bryant T. Fernandez

Acting Deputy Executive Secretary for General Administration
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Malacañang, Manila (ASRMD-2018-0029656)

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PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Province of Palawan

November 5, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO : The CENRO
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

FROM : The OIC-Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **LETTER DATED APRIL 8, 2019 RE: LETTER FROM MR. FRANCISCO CABUVERDE, PRESIDENT OF SAMAHAN NG MGA MAGSASA KA NG ZIGZAG, STA. LUCIA AT LUZVIMINDA, PUERTO PRINCESA INC. (SMZSLPP) (ASRMD-2019-0011258) (DOC. REF NO. 2019-8426)**

Referred is the memorandum dated September 26, 2019 of the Regional Executive Director relative to the memorandum dated April 12, 2019 from the OIC Assistant Secretary for Field Operations-Southern Luzon, DENR, Visayas Ave., Quezon City regarding the letter of Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde, President of Samahan ng Magsasaka ng Zigzag, Sta. Lucia at Luzviminda ng Puerto Princesa, INC. (SMZSLPP), requesting to segregate the lands occupied by them from the Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF).

Please conduct lot verification status, record verification, ocular investigation and submit your report and recommendation with the tenets of Completed Staff Work (CSW) format. Directly inform the concern party of action taken on the matter and copy furnished this office.

For information and compliance.

For the OIC-PERNRO:


JOHNNY P. LILANG
Chief, Technical Services Division
Officer-In-Charge

Copy furnished:

- The OIC-Assistant Secretary for Field Operations-Southern Luzon DENR Central Office, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City
- Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde
Purok Zigzag I, Brgy. Luzviminda, PPC
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Republic of the Philippines
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MEMORANDUM

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TO : **The PENR Officer**
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

ATTN. : **The CENR Officer**
Puerto Princesa City

FROM : **The Regional Executive Director**

SUBJECT : **LETTER DATED 4-08-2019 RE: LETTER FROM MR. FRANCISCO CABUVERDE, PRESIDENT OF SAMAHAN NG MGA MAGSASA KA NG ZIGZAG, STA. LUCIA AT LUZVIMINDA, PUERTO PRINCESA INC. (SMZSLPP) (ASRMD-2019-0011258)**

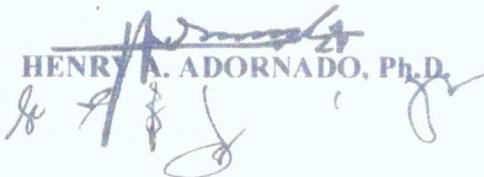
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Referred herewith is the Memorandum dated April 12, 2019 of the Assistant Secretary for Field Operations-Luzon forwarding the letter from the Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns regarding the letter of Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde, President of Samahan ng Magsasaka ng Zigzag, Sta. Lucia at Luzviminda ng Puerto Princesa, Inc. (SMZSLPP).

Mr. Cabuverde is requesting for an assistance for the issuance of Presidential Proclamation declaring 1,150 hectares of land to be segregated from Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm under CARP. Further, Mr. Cabuverde also stated in his letter that the land being requested has been idle and was developed by more than 300 farmers of SMZSLPP for more than 20 years and a similar request was made previously to segregate the lands occupied by farmers from Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm.

In this regard, it is hereby directed to cause the conduct of an investigation in accordance with law, rules and regulations on the matter and submit report with categorical recommendation in Completed Staff Work (CSW) format. Coordinate with the other concerned agencies regarding the matter. Advise the parties concerned of actions taken thereon, copy furnish the Assistant Secretary for Field Operations-Luzon citing above-noted document tracking number.

For immediate action.


HENRY A. ADORNADO, Ph.D.

Copy Furnished:

Assistant Secretary for Field Operations-Southern Luzon
DENR, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde
Purok Zigzag I, Brgy. Luzviminda
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

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COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
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June 27, 2019

SUBJECT: LETTER DATED JUNE 14, 2019 FROM FRANCISCO P. CABOVERDE OF SAMAHAN NG MAGSASAКА NG ZIGZAG, STA. LUCIA AT LUZVIMINDA PTO. PRINCESA INC., REQUESTING FOR AN UPDATED STATUS OF THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS (CENRO DRN-2019-2904)

Mr. FRANCISCO P. CABOVERDE

President, Samahan ng Magsasaka ng Zigzag, Sta. Lucia
at Luzviminda Pto. Princesa Inc. (SMZSLLP, Inc.)
Purok Zigzag, Brgy. Luzviminda Puerto Princesa City
Contact No. 0917-159-9343

Greetings!

This pertains to your letter dated June 14, 2019 requesting for an updated status of the attached and stated documents on the said letter pertaining to your petition for segregation of a parcel of land from Bucor-Iwahig Prison Penal Farm (IPPF) reservation involving 1,150 hectares situated at Purok Zigzag I, Luzviminda, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

In this regard, please be informed that per thorough research from the records filed before this Office, the subject matter was already endorsed to CSSUPT. Geraldo I. Aro of Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF) seeking for their opinion/comment regarding the matter per letter dated April 25, 2019 which was sent through Post Office under Registry Receipt No. RD 989 787 311 ZZ (copy is hereto attached) considering that the involved area is within their jurisdiction by virtue of Executive Order No. 67 issued by Governor Newton Gilbert on October 15, 1912.

However, be informed that this Office has not yet received any comment and/or clarification from their Office as of the moment.

We trust that you are properly informed.

Very truly yours,

FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC
DIG. CENRO

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25 April 2019

CSSUPT. Geraldo I. Aro
IPPF Superintendent
Bureau of Correction (BUCOR)
Iwahig, Puerto Princesa City

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Dear Sir:

Environmental greetings!

This has reference to the attached Memorandum dated April 02, 2019 from Eriberto B. Sanos relative to the Resolution No. 04-2019 of Samahan ng Mga Magsasaka ng Zigzag, Sta. Lucia, Luzviminda, Puerto Princesa City entitled "*A Resolution urging the Superintendent of Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm, the Director of Bureau of Corrections, PARO of Palawan and the Secretary of DAR to place subject area of our petition, approximately 1,150 hectares situated at Purok Zigzag I, Luzviminda, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program*". Copy of the Memorandum dated April 01, 2019 and Resolution are hereto attached.

Likewise, be informed that this Office has also sent a letter dated May 26, 2017 to then Superintendent Richard Scharzkopf regarding their petition to the President of the Philippines for issuance of Proclamation Order to declare some 1,150 hectares from the Sta. Lucia Sub-Colony of Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF) Puerto Princesa as areas suitable for agriculture to be segregated from the said Prison and Penal Farm for distribution to qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). Copy of the said letter dated May 26, 2017 is hereto attached.

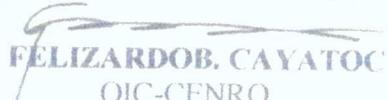
In this connection, this Office would like to seek your opinion/comment regarding the matter.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
DENR Region 4B - MIMAROPA
Roxas Blvd., Manila

FROM : **THE OIC ASSISTANT SECRETARY**
Field Operations - Southern Luzon

SUBJECT : **LETTER DTD 4-08-2019 RE: LETTER FROM MR. FRANCISCO CABUVERDE, PRESIDENT OF SAMAHAN NG MGA MAGSASAКА NG ZIGZAG, STA. LUCIA AT LUZVIMINDA, PUERTO PRINCESA INC. (SMZSLPP) (ASRMD-2019-0011258)**

DATE: April 12, 2019

This is with reference to the letter of Mr Francisco Cabuverde, President of Samahan ng Magsasaka ng Zigzag, Sta. Lucia at Luzviminda ng Puerto Princesa Inc. (SMZSLPP) addressed to Secretary Roy Cimatu dated April 8, 2019 requesting assistance for issuance of Presidential Proclamation declaring 1150 hectares of land to be segregated from Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm under CARP.

Mr Cabuverde stated in his letter that the land being requested has been farmed and was developed by the more than 300 farmers of SMZSLPP for more than 20 years. A Petition was lodged with DAR in 2017 but it remained unacted.

A similar request was made previously to segregate the lands occupied by farmers from Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm.

In view of this, conduct the necessary investigation and coordinate with the Bureau of Corrections and the Department of Agrarian Reform regarding the request of the Association. Submit your report to the Land Management Bureau for further evaluation.

cc: **USLC, Rodolfo C. Garcia**
Chief of Staff, DENR C.O.

Mr Wendel E. Avisado
Presidential Asst for Special Concerns
Office of the President
Malacanang, Manila

Mr Francisco P. Cabuverde
Samahan ng Magsasaka ng Zigzag, Sta. Lucia at Luzviminda ng Puerto Princesa Inc.
Purok Zigzag, Luzviminda, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

REYNOLFO A. JUAN

CC's G.G. Green



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MR. WENDEL E. AVISADO
Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns
Office of the President
Malacanang, Manila

Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 8, 2019 addressed to Secretary Henry Cimatu indorsing the letter of Mr. Francisco Caboverde, President of Samahan ng Minsulak ng Zigzag, Sta Lucia at Luzvininda, Puerto Princesa Inc (SMZSIPPI) of Purok Zigzag, Sta. Lucia, Puerto Princesa City dated August 23, 2018 for issuance of a Presidential Proclamation declaring 1150 hectares to be segregated from Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm.

Please be informed that we have issued instruction to our Regional Director Director Henry Adornado of DENR MIMAROPA to conduct an investigation and coordinate with Bureau of Corrections and the Department of Agrarian Reform regarding the request of SMZSIPPI.

We hope we have been of service to your agency.

REYNOLDS, J.A.K.

cc: *Usec Rodolfo G. Garcia*
Chief of Staff, DENR C.O.

Mr. Wendel E. Avisado
Presidential Asst. for Special Concerns
Office of the President
Malacanang, Manila

RED Henry A. Adornado
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SECRETARY ROY A. CIMATU
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman
Quezon City

Dear Secretary Cimatu:

This refers to the letter dated 23 August 2018 received by our Office last 16 March 2019 from Mr. Francisco P. Cabuverde, President of Samahan ng mga Magasaka ng Zigzag, St. Lucia at Luzviminda, Puerto Princesa, Inc. (SMZSLPP), requesting assistance for the issuance of a Proclamation Proclamation declaring some 1,150 hectares of land to be segregated from Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF) and placed under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

According to Mr. Cabuverde, the mentioned 1,150 hectares of land out of the 42,000 hectares reserved for IPPF are left idled and abandoned. However, through the efforts of more than 300 farmers from SMZSLPP, the lands were cultivated, tilled, and developed for more than 20 years now.

Mr. Cabuverde further disclosed that they already lodged a petition before the Office of the Director of Department of Agrarian Reform Region IV-B (MIMAROPA) and the Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer of Palawan sometime in October 2017. However, until now, they are still waiting for the said office's reply to their request.

Acknowledging that the delineation and classification of the lands reserved for the IPPF is within the administrative and technical jurisdiction of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, kindly evaluate the merits of the request in accordance with your existing guidelines and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Please inform the proponent of the action taken on the matter, copy furnished this Office.

Thank you and God Bless.

Very truly yours,

WENDEL E. AVISADO
Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns

cc: **MR. FRANCISCO P. CABUVERDE**
Samahan ng mga Magasaka ng Zigzag, St. Lucia at Luzviminda Puerto Princesa City
Purok Zigzag, Luzviminda, Puerto Princesa City
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23 August 2018

Hon. Wendel E. Avisado
Presidential Assistant for Special Concerns
Room 353, 2nd Floor
Mabini Hall, Malacanang Palace
12 Laurel St., Manila 1000

Smt:

Gracious and lovely day!

We are writing this letter to seek help from you so that our petition will reach to the personal knowledge of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. We believe and repose our faith in his sincerity to promote social justice for the welfare of landless farmers.

Our letter to the President received thru The Presidential Action Center dated May 27, 2017, "Re-Petition for the issuance of a Proclamation Order declaring some 1,150 Hectares out of the remaining 42,000 hectares of Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF), Puerto Princesa City" (Annex A), to be consecrated from the said IPPF and placed under Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program Coverage per Sec. I-A of Executive Order No. 448 dated February 14, 1991 (Annex E). The said land area left idled and abandoned land of IPPF had been cultivated, tilled and developed for more than twenty (20) years by more than three hundred farmers who have built farmhouses and settled with their respective families thereat. The 1,150 Hectares landholdings (Annex I) with farm lots have been proven suitable for agriculture in a report made by SARPOS Mactan Gloria P. Almazan and Emilio G. Lobedero Jr., who conducted the actual ocular survey inspection on June 28, 2017 (Annex K).

This letter would not have been necessary if only the concerned government agencies did their job with sincerity without personal connections and agenda.

It is more than a year now that we submitted our petition to the President. It was just started up in the Office Director of DAP Region IV-A, MIMAROPA and to the Provincial Agrarian Reform Office of the Province of Palawan. These two Offices and the Director of DAP received specific directives to take actions on our petition (Annex C and D).

On 16 October 2017, I wrote a letter (Annex M) to Mr. Conrado S. Tamayo, the Provincial Agrarian Reform Office, commenting on his memo to Director Arnoldo B. G. CRDO, DAP Region IV-A, MIMAROPA dated 11 September 2017 (Annex H and O) requesting him to do the following course of action:

1. To conduct a thorough ocular field inspection to determine on the validity of the basis of our petition that the area has become suitable for agriculture and that IPPF no longer actually, directly and exclusively used or necessary for the purposes for which they have been reserved per Sec I-A E.O. 446 (Annexed E)
2. To send to IPPF an equivalent notice of coverage for lands owned by the government to be covered by CARP in order to afford the IPPF the opportunity to interpose objection or no objection or make its official stand on our petition.
3. To negotiate with the IPPF, DENR, LGU and other agencies in collaboration with this Association, within its level of jurisdiction, the necessary processes for the purpose of accelerating the acquisition, transfer of jurisdiction of subject portion of reservation from IPPF to DAR and for distribution to qualified Agrarian reform Beneficiaries (ARB).

It was unfortunate, Mr. Guevara did not make a direct reply on my aforesaid letter. But Mr. Guevara wrote a memo to Atty. Sheila B. Enciso, Head Executive Assistant, Office of the Secretary, DAR Diliman, Quezon City dated 14 November (Annexed M).

Mr. Guevara unfavorable comment on the last part of that memo states "It is our position even before with previous farmers' groups and bureau the dialogue between SMZSLP, DENR, LGU, DAR/BUCOR held in DARPO-Palawan on August 29, 2017 that as timberland, this Office cannot do anything to distribute the land under CARP unless sooner re-classified into Alienable and Disposable by Congress and a Law is thereby passed extending the implementation of the program".

The issue had been settled in SDDR152640 (Annexed F) and decision of former DAR Secretary Rafael Mariano (Annexed G).

Further discussion of the legal and factual basis of our petition is found in Annexes A, L, N and S.

Lastly, we appreciate it very much if you can come, visit and conduct dialogue with the concerned landless farmers to see for yourselves the real situation in the area.

Mabuhay po ang ating mahal na Pangulo at naway makamtan natin ang Katuparan ng minimithi nating Tunay na Pagbabago!

At Mabuhay din po Kayo Hon. Wendel Avisado maraming salamat po sa makayanan tulong nyo saming special concerns! God blesses you more abundantly!

Respectfully,


Francisco P. Cabuverde
President, SMZSLP
Contact No. 09068717609