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SND's Statement on the concurrence of the Legislature in the Extension of Martial Law and Suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus for One Year

The Department of National Defense is grateful for this affirmation of trust and confidence from our legislators. The Filipino people can rest assured that we will not squander this opportunity to finally end the continuing rebellion and terrorism in Mindanao by destroying the Daesh structure in the area, thwart like-minded groups from conducting further acts of terrorism and prevent the spillover of violence and radicalism in other parts of the country.

With the extension of Martial Law, we are also confident that we can move forward with unhampered reconstruction and rehabilitation of Marawi City. The challenges we are facing in Mindanao are also challenges to each and every Filipino. Together, as a nation, we will prevail and prove to the world our collective resilience against odds.

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