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Statement of Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana on Sec. Lopez’s Plan to engage the NPA in DENR Projects

We commend Secretary Gina Lopez of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for her steadfast commitment to the genuine protection of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development in our country.

The Department of National Defense welcomes all initiatives that will help uplift the lives of our countrymen and bring livelihood to our communities. In fact, the main goal of our Philippine Defense Transformation Roadmap 2028 is the attainment of a more credible defense posture that will lead to national development.

While we await official communications on how the DND can help the DENR establish “E3 (ecological, economic, and educational) Zones” across the country, we enjoin Secretary Lopez to encourage her friends from the CPP-NPA to take this chance to lay down their arms, stop all their criminal and terroristic activities and become legitimate citizens of the Philippines. Kung gusto talaga tumulong ng CPP-NPA, bitawan na nila ang kanilang mga armas, itigil ang extortion, at magbalik-loob na sa lipunan.

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