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Update on the First Round of Negotiations for the PH-US Framework Agreement on the possibility of Increased Rotational Presence, August 15, 2013



The Philippine Panel of Negotiators for the PH-US Framework Agreement on the possibility of Increased Rotational Presence discussed the results of the first round of talks with the US. The panel, composed of (L-R) Department of Justice (DOJ) Undersecretary Francisco F. Baraan III, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Assistant Secretary Carlos D. Sorreta, Department of National Defense (DND) Undersecretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs and Strategic Concerns Pio Lorenzo F. Batino, and DND Assistant Secretary Prof. Raymund Jose Quilop, answered questions from the members of the media during the briefing Thursday noon, August 15, 2013, at the AFP Commissioned Officers Club.



The panel expounded on the Agreed Minutes of the August 14 meeting between the Philippines and the United States for the Framework Agreement on the possibility of Increased Rotational Presence/Enhanced Defense Cooperation. The first round of negotiation arrived at understandings including the consistency of the Agreement with the Constitution and laws of both Parties.

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