

ROADMAP/STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

Closing Remarks

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Distinguished guests, the Awardees, Forum participants, ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon to you all!

This National Forum has adopted as its theme: *“Working together towards a stronger voluntary sector”*. Looking back, I find this theme very appropriate as the work of formulating and evolving this Roadmap/Strategic Action Plan has indeed been the result of a strong process of collaboration among the stakeholders in the voluntary sector.

This morning, we listened to and read copies of the Roadmap/Strategic Action Plan particularly on the proposed programs and projects for the next 3 to 6 years. We also heard the reactions, comments and declaration of support from among our ranks. Listening to these statements of support served to intensify our resolve to coordinate the pursuit of these critical activities to enable the voluntary sector to contribute its modest share in national development.

At this moment, we have come to the end of our National Forum. I hope that our passion for involvement and collaboration in the activities of our sector – the voluntary sector - will continue and become a way for life for all of us here today.

On behalf of the Philippine National Volunteer Services Coordinating Agency, as a lead government agency coordinating volunteer efforts in the country, let me thank Congress specifically its Committee on Rural Development for the support in hosting today’s National Forum and the conduct of the preparatory

focus group discussions. I hope that they will continue to support our efforts as we move forward in our Roadmap.

Let me likewise thank our Reactors and volunteer-participants for sharing their time, knowledge, experiences and valuable insights.

Again, thank you very much and hope you will enjoy the rest of the day.

Maraming salamat!