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**MR. ERIC SOTTAS**

Director

World Organization Against Torture

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Dear *Dir. Sottas*:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 30 November 2007 addressing the economic, social and cultural causes of human violence, specifically those which concern the mining activities on the Sibuyan Island. We appreciate your writing the Council for action and measures being undertaken to prevent further violence and to protect the rights of the local communities and indigenous people.

The **Philippine Council for Industry and Energy Research and Development**, as a sectoral planning council of the **Department of Science and Technology (DOST)**, is mandated to serve as the central agency in the planning, monitoring and promotion of scientific and technological research for applications in the industry, energy, utilities and infrastructure sectors. As such, the role of the Council, in connection with mining activities, is to support the scientific and technological studies needed for a more responsible mining industry. Thus, among the studies being supported by the Council is the assessment and remediation of the effects of mining to the indigenous peoples' land, air and water.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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