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Addendum

PHILIPPINES^{1/}

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PART IV. LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW ON 17 JANUARY 1981

1. "On 17 January 1981, martial law was lifted in the Philippines. In this regard, it is the position of the Philippine Government that martial law was a necessary political alternative of a temporary nature. Its paramount purpose was to safeguard Philippine national security and the continued stability of the Republic against the then existing threats posed by the communist rebellion, the Muslim secessionist movement, the rightist conspiracy, and widespread criminality and lawlessness."
2. "The Philippine Government wishes to reiterate that martial law has turned out to be a positive development in the Philippines. It has generated long-term and far-reaching reforms in the political, economic, social and human rights aspects of Philippine society. Moreover, as martial law was never meant to stifle the legitimate exercise of the human and democratic rights of the people, its imposition in the Philippines basically did not interfere with the people's exercise of the said rights. Martial law was never meant to invest in any particular sectors or classes of society any privileges and prerogatives. Martial law did not lead to the occurrence of racial discrimination or discriminatory-like practices in the Philippines."

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