

The Beaconsfield Initiative

ICHRP Call for Action

International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines - Canada calls on the Canadian Government to respond in the strongest and unequivocal terms to the subversion of human rights and democracy by the Duterte government by ending Canadian support for it. Specifically we call on the Canadian Government to:

- Publicly support the UNHCR process and investigation of human rights crimes in the Philippines under Duterte and actively lobby other governments to support the process.
- Hold hearings on the Human Rights situation in the Philippines through the Parliamentary Human Rights Sub-committee during the current session of Parliament.
- Establish a Philippine Peace secretariat at GAC in Ottawa including a Senior Peace Liaison officer to conduct liaison work between the Government of the Philippines and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines. The Peace Secretariat would support restarting discussions for some of the tables examining social and economic reforms as part of the peace process and provide logistical and research support to the two sides as well as host meetings in Canada for the discussion of technical issues.
- Challenge the Duterte Regime on its abysmal human rights record with concrete and measurable steps. The Canadian government should make representation to the Duterte government to:
 - Restart the peace process with the National Democratic Front.
 - Reverse the terrorist listing of Indigenous and other civil society leaders.
 - Stop the arming of paramilitary groups that fuel human rights violations.
 - Stop the militarization in Negros which has fostered mass killings
 - Return to civilian rule by ending Martial Law in Mindanao.

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- Call on the Philippine Government to revoke Executive Order #70 institutionalizing the Whole-of Nation counterinsurgency approach
- End all Canadian support including financial, socio-economic programming, tactical, logistical and training support, military sales and defense cooperation to any government policies and projects that are related to the Philippine counter-insurgency program, as conducted under EO #70.

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