

CTI-CFF 7th Ministerial Meeting

14 December 2018

Closing Remarks

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Secretary, DENR

HIS EXCELLENICES, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

FIRST, LET ME CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE COMPLETION OF OUR 5-DAY SERIES OF MEETING STARTING FROM THE PRE-SOM, TO THE SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING, AND NOW AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING DISCUSSING VERY RELEVANT AND TIMELY TOPICS SUCH AS THE RPOA VERSION 2.0 AND THE OPERATIONS OF THE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT. THIS IS CERTAINLY AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS A BETTER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CT6 IN TRYING TO SAFEGUARD OUR COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES.

FROM WHAT I HAVE HEARD, YOU HAVE ALL WORKED HARD DURING THE PAST 4-5 DAYS WITH SESSIONS EVEN ENDING AT 2 AM IN THE MORNING. FROM THESE OUTPUTS, THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAVE APPROVED ALL YOUR ENDORSED DECISIONS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEE THESE ACTIONS HAPPENING. REST ASSURED, THE PHILIPPINES WILL BE IN FULL SUPPORT TO OUR NEW CHAIR, WHICH IS SOLOMON ISLANDS, ON INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS THAT ARE NEEDED TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE CTI.

COLLEAGUES, AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

THIS MEETING MARKS ANOTHER MILESTONE, MOST ESPECIALLY BECAUSE WE WERE ABLE TO COME UP WITH THE CONSENSUS ON HOW TO MOVE FORWARD IN DEVELOPING THE CTI RPOA VERSION 2.0. I HOPE THAT YOU FIND THIS MEETING VERY USEFUL NOT ONLY FOR OUR COUNTRIES, BUT ALSO TO THE WHOLE REGION AS WELL.

BEFORE I CONCLUDE MY REMARKS, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS FOR THE SUPPORT IN OUR REGIONAL ACTIVITIES. OUR PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES TO BE FLEXIBLE AND PRODUCTIVE IMPROVING MUTUAL RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE COMING YEARS TO COME.

IN BEHALF OF THE PHILIPPINES NATIONAL CTI COORDINATING COMMITTEE WE WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE CTI. I HOPE THAT YOU ENJOYED YOUR STAY HERE IN MANILA DESPITE OF THE BUSY SCHEDULE AND I WISH YOU A SAFE TRAVEL BACK TO YOUR HOME COUNTRY.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND DISCUSSION AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN IN FUTURE CTI GATHERINGS.