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BUILD A GLOBAL SOCIETY OF JUSTICE –EQUALITY AND WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION

The friendly city of Brussels, Belgium which hosts the European Union, was the latest victim of extremist bombings on March 22nd that killed at least 34 and injured more than 170 people. This senseless loss of life, injury and trauma for many innocent people going about their daily lives is attributed to the Daesh (ISIS/ISIL).

We condole with the Belgian people whom Cordillera people have had generations of exposure to the education services of early Belgian missionaries, and then decades of continuing solidarity relations with progressive Belgian NGOs and local governments for self determined sustainable development. Also with the reality of increasing Filipino diaspora all over the globe, we are closely affected by such tragic attacks anywhere in the world.

We strongly condemn this massacre that has no place in present global society. But it is a challenge as well, and it calls for understanding why there is such passionate murderous sentiment among some peoples in the world, like those involved in the Brussels bombings. This is rooted in generations of chauvinism and discrimination, exploitation and oppression, perpetrated by the unequal and unjust capitalist system. And this is led by the U.S.A. and its allies, who dominate global economy and politics. Together with subservient local puppet regimes, they control resources like oil in the middle-east and wealth for the multi-national corporations and the ruling elites; while pauperizing the majority of peoples in the affected nations. Such situation with its Islamic religious context, nurture the Daesh (ISIS/ISIL) that then unleash attacks against innocent civilians.

We denounce U.S.A. led global economic – political and military dominance and interventions, whether in the Middle East or elsewhere like in its strategic pivot into Asia – Pacific. Such dominance with exploitation, oppression and chauvinism fosters wars, therefore instability and massive suffering. In the Philippines we take note that the Mamasapano massacre was an operation using Filipino military to fulfil a U.S.A. objective to get a single elusive target. And like the puppet that he is, President Aquino subserviently implemented this U.S.A. instigated operation, with disastrous carnage of Filipinos – 44 Special Action Force (SAF) government soldiers, 18 Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) soldiers and at least 7 civilians, and only 1 “blue eyed” alleged casualty among American operatives. Thus the strong opposition to the EDCA (Enhanced Defence Cooperation Agreement) between the U.S.A. and the Philippines which allows U.S.A. military basing in five locations within the Philippines; as well as opposition to the U.S.A. strategic pivot into Asia-Pacific. Like the Mamasapano incident, all these will drag and compromise the Philippines into U.S.A. led wars or interventions just so that U.S.A. global dominance is sustained.

We challenge Daesh (ISIS/ISIL) and other extremist groups to abandon terrorist acts and comply with the United Nations International Humanitarian laws in their struggle for justice, equality and people’s development within respective national and local contexts.

Finally, we call for international solidarity of all exploited and oppressed peoples to build progressive societies with justice and equality, where the agenda is people’s welfare instead of profit and greed; where there is tolerance and respect for diversity and people’s self determination; and towards global societies without discrimination.

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