Re: Your Quick Action to Remove Illegal Seashore Structure and Food Gardens

Dear Messrs. Espinosa, Contento and Rebamonte:

Greetings from the Normandy Chair for Peace! We write to congratulate and commend you for your quick and effective action to a citizen’s report. This was regarding concrete structures constructed on the easement zone of the seashore. (Water Code, Sec. 51, the NIPAS Law, and Presidential Proclamations 1234 and 1251).

Within less than 24 hours from receipt of the citizen’s report, you took action. This is a rare act of great efficiency among government people.
What you did sends a very important message that we must keep our beaches clear and unobstructed. This is an important need to have a place for human connection to the Sea. What you did ensures that the beautiful seashores of Sta. Fe will be free from obstructions for the free passage of the people.

Not allowing the construction of human settlements on beaches close to the sea is clear common sense. This is a pure precaution against the fast-rising sea and the increasingly-violent storm surges. (UN Sustainable Development Goal No. 13)

We also commend you for the food gardens initiative you have launched in the town of Sta Fe. This sets an excellent example that will guide your people and the rest of the province to address the chronic problem of hunger. (UN Sustainable Development Goal No. 1)

You are indeed a shining exemplar of dedicated public servants worthy of emulation.

We trust that this letter finds you in good health and spirits. And on behalf of your grateful friends – people of shared passions -- from around the world, Merci Beaucoup. Daghang Salamat!

Very truly yours,

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