



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS, GENEVA

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*Subject : The Philippine Government's Response to the Joint Communication of Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention on the case of Mr. Johairie Dagalangit*

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights – Special Procedures Branch and, with reference to the Joint Communication of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention dated 14 November 2022 (Ref: (AL PHL 4/2022) concerning the reported death of Mr. Johairie Dagalangit while under detention, has the honor to provide the following information:

1. On 07 October 2022, Police Regional Office [REDACTED] [REDACTED] endorsed the *administrative case* for Grave Misconduct for violation of Republic Act No. 9745 ("*Anti-Torture Act of 2009*") against [REDACTED] police personnel of [REDACTED] Municipal Police Station, [REDACTED].
2. On 19 October 2022, *criminal cases* for violation of Article 248 (Murder) of the Revised Penal Code and Republic Act No. 9745 were likewise filed against [REDACTED] police personnel of [REDACTED] Municipal Police Station, [REDACTED].

The Philippine National Police, Human Rights Affairs Office gave assurances of its steadfast commitment to resolve the matter.

3. The matter has been referred by the Philippine Human Rights Committee Secretariat (PHRCS) to the Technical Working Group of the Inter-Agency Committee on Extra-Legal Killings, Enforced Disappearances, Torture and Other Grave Violations to the Rights to Life, Liberty and Security of Persons (created under Administrative Order No. 35 s. 2012) [REDACTED].
4. The Commission on Human Rights (CHR), an observer-member of the above Inter-Agency Committee, has taken immediate action on the matter and conducted its own investigation pursuant to its mandate. The CHR, gave the following progress report:
  - a. The CHR Regional Office in [REDACTED] immediately coordinated with the [REDACTED] Human Rights Commission [REDACTED] upon becoming aware of the incident through social media on 28 September 2022. The [REDACTED] informed the CHR Regional Office that it would be conducting a probe.

- b. On 01 October 2022, a CHR Regional Office team proceed [REDACTED], [REDACTED] to take the sworn statements of witnesses with personal knowledge of the incident.
  - c. On 20 October 2022, the CHR Regional Office team, in coordination with the Police Regional Office [REDACTED] obtained [REDACTED] officers assigned at the [REDACTED] Municipal Police Station.
  - d. On 27 October 2022, the CHR Regional Office team went on a field mission to [REDACTED] to take the affidavits of other witnesses and the supplemental sworn statements [REDACTED].
5. The [REDACTED] is providing due coordination and assistance [REDACTED] Technical Working Group and the CHR to ensure that those responsible for the death of Mr. Dagalangit will be brought to justice.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights – Special Procedures Branch the assurances of its highest consideration.

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