



Pledge submitted by The Philippines to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat
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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: The rule of law is vital to the protection of human rights and democracy. In keeping with its commitment in the last cycle of the UPR in November last year, the Philippines shall further reinforce its domestic accountability mechanisms. Part of justice reform is a training institute for forensic science and investigation that shall be established to scale up forensics capability and competence of law enforcement and justice authorities based on the Minnesota Protocol.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2029

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: The Philippines shall establish a Human Rights Coordinating Council to sustain the current initiatives under the six work streams of the UN Joint Program for Human Rights which will end in 2024. The goal is to further strengthen the country's human rights and accountability mechanisms.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2029

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: In line with the 1993 Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action on Human Rights, the Philippines shall release its fourth National Human Rights Action Plan. This plan will advance our commitments related to human rights and climate change mitigation and adaptation, and the protection of older persons. It is a blueprint for embracing the most vulnerable in peaceful, prosperous and humane communities that uphold the highest expression of human dignity.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2029