



PHILIPPINES

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STATEMENT

Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations  
Working Group on Agenda Item - 86: Protection of persons in the event of disasters  
(Cluster V)

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SEC. 18. Mechanism for International Humanitarian Assistance. - (a) The importation and donation of food, clothing, medicine and equipment for relief and recovery and other disaster management and recovery-related supplies is hereby authorized in accordance with Section 105 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, and the prevailing provisions of the General Appropriations Act covering national internal revenue taxes and import duties of national and local government agencies; and

- Buying, for consumption or resale, from the recipient disaster affected persons any relief goods, equipment or other aid commodities received by them;
- Selling of relief goods, equipment or other aid commodities which are intended for distribution to disaster victims;
- Forcibly seizing relief goods, equipment or other aid commodities intended for or consigned to a specific group of victims or relief agency;
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