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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the General Assembly, and has the honor to inform the latter that the **pre-recorded message of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, H.E. Teodoro L. Locsin Jr.**, for the virtual High-Level Replenishment Conference of the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) to be held on 26 January 2021 (Tuesday) can be accessed at the following link:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HO61E0blz4tkbSUjSYrsy28LyPBrqaQ\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HO61E0blz4tkbSUjSYrsy28LyPBrqaQ_/view?usp=sharing)

The Permanent Mission has the further honor to enclose a transcript of the statement.

The video has been uploaded today at the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO)-Replenishment Conference



Virtual Replenishment Conference of the Peacebuilding Fund  
9:00 a.m., Tuesday, 26 January 2021

Statement of  
H.E. MR. TEODORO L. LOCSIN JR.  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Secretary- General, Excellencies,

Since 2014, the Philippines has benefitted from the Peacebuilding Fund. In coordination with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, headed by General Galvez, a man of war and peace, these pooled resources were instrumental in building the capacities of the State and non-state partners to sustain and nurture peace through a more inclusive peace process characterized by an all-Moro dialogue and consensus.

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte is committed to a just and lasting peace in southern Philippines. When the allocated budget for BARMM, this bold experiment on autonomy ran out—old fighters are not auditors – he told us in the Cabinet, “So what. Budget the same amount again. Better to spend than kill