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Closing Remarks by

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Madam President, Secretary Reyes, Distinguished Guests.

Magandang umaga.

I will mention three highlights, each represented by the letter “P”.

Philippine participation. Over the past few days we have been tackling issues of global proportions, yet which have solutions found at the regional, country, community, and even individual levels. For this, the Philippines has begun to find customized, home-grown and appropriate solutions for its country-specific circumstances, allowing it to move towards a lower carbon and greener economy. Philippines is helping itself, and in so doing helping the global situation.

Partnerships. We have witnessed a wonderful outpouring of community spirit from a very inclusive process. The constituencies represented include the different arms and tiers of government, civil society, academe, business, consumers, financiers, development partners, and individuals. All contributed substantively and in a very collegial way. We acknowledged our joint responsibility. This will define the success of our endeavors.

Process and Products. Process is as important as product. Today’s summit and the report are products of a very thorough, inclusive and robust process, kick-started by the 3-day stakeholder workshop. The summit is a milestone on a long and complex journey. We must maintain momentum as we continue the process and implement the summit recommendations as products. Some quick wins will be ideal.

I said I would mention 3 highlights. But I need to mention a fourth. Pace and Passion. At times it has been difficult for some of us to match the pace and passion of Secretary Reyes. He has led this initiative with great vigor and commitment. We will try to stay abreast.

Maraming salamat po.

¹ Two-minute presentations were made by representatives from each of nine stakeholder groups: industry & export sectors; NGOs; oil industry; bio-energy; consumers; academe; science, technology & climate change; transport; and international development partners.