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### **Comments on the Draft Study for the Adoption of the Warehouse Receipt System for Improving the Efficiency of Rice and Corn Marketing in the Philippines**

As you have stated, the Legal Framework is already present in the Philippines. Unfortunately, subsequent laws and regulations have been made thereby creating uncertainties in the implementation of the system. The experience of the NFA and the Quedan Corp. can give us the proper basis on how to correct the deficiencies that occurred. What is needed is a single comprehensive regulation that will cover the establishment of the Warehouse Receipt System on food and agricultural and fishery commodities.

As per our position paper, the NFA should be the sole government agency that will undertake and implement the Warehouse Receipt System. It should be comprehensive and will cover all the activities in the supply chain including warehousing and milling or processing.

The law should make the system mandatory in order to be effective and efficient in order that the banking system and the public develop its confidence on the system. The NFA should properly be capitalized to increase say not lower than Php 50.0 Billion. The only Warehouse Receipt System to be issued should be negotiable so that it can easily be chattel mortgaged to the banking system in order to control the injection of supply to the demand market. The Warehouse Receipt (Quedan) should classify it into categories to manage the injection. It can be classified as: 1. *Domestic which can immediately be injected to the market;* 2. *Reserve or buffer stock which NFA can convert to domestic when needed;* 3. *Export if we have a surplus vat needed by the domestic demand.* In this case, NFA can be freed from its fiscal exposure to keep the reserve or buffer stock. The first-in first-out principle should be observed. NFA should have the sole power to accredit and designate the site of the warehouses, its facilities and specifications. The warehouse should be near the production area. It is recommended that a warehouse be established for every two (2) thousand hectare per production area and should be very accessible to the farmers. The farmer can only deliver to the warehouse designated for them. Any pole-vaulting should properly be penalized both by the farmers and the warehouse that accepts produce not from the designated area. NFA should establish the proper standard for the *palay* under the system such as long grains, medium grains, and short grains. It should also set standards as to the purity of the grains and its average recovery when milled. It should take into consideration the differences in recovery that some varieties has thick hull while others have their hull which affects recovery.

The NFA should operate the system under the Central Receipts Registry. It should establish a system wherein the processed good (rice) can be traced by its origin from the Warehouse Receipt issued for *palay*. Any rice sold in the market whose origin cannot be traced should be considered illegal and therefore confiscated. All imported rice should pass through a bonded warehouse regulated by NFA and issued with proper permits to be sold in the market.

The warehouse though controlled by NFA personnel who is properly bonded can be built and owned by a private investor. Incentives should be given to encourage the investor such as automatic conversion of the land where the facility will be built but not to exceed five (5)

hectares and exemption from government taxes such as Real Property Tax for at least seven (7) years from the start of the operation, simple accreditation system since the location and design of the structure will be in accordance to the NFA specs. The warehouse should be properly bonded in accordance to its size. All bonds should be issued by the PCIC alone. Other incentives can be the availability of soft loans from a government financing institution like Land Bank to build the facility.

Furthermore, importation of equipment needed to operate the warehouse properly such as hauling vehicle, dryers and even rice mill equipment should be tariff free and other government requirements be simplified. Other government taxes should be studied to entice the investors to participate.

PCIC should be the sole insurer of the commodity starting from production to warehousing, to processing, to marketing including the necessary movement of the product until it reaches the ultimate consumer. In other words, the whole supply chain. It should also be the lone issuer of any bond necessary for the operation of the system under this condition. The capitalization of the PCIC should be increased by not less than Php 50.0 Billion. This will encourage the banking sector to trust the system.

The system will be that NFA will hold a formal bidding in different places covering several warehouses every week for proper information as to the total stocks available in the country with their location and the prices of *palay*, as well as the wholesale and retail price of rice in the different areas of the country. Suggested areas will be Isabela, Nueva Ecija and Bulacan in Northern Luzon; Naga and Legaspi in Southern Luzon; Panay Island, Cebu and Leyte in the Visayas and; Northern Cotabato and SOCCSKSARGEN in Mindanao. The cities can be Metro Manila, Cebu, Bacolod, Davao, Gen. Santos and Cagayan de Oro. This will be properly displayed in the place where the bidding is held. This can easily be done if the Information Technology (IT) programs of the Central Receipt System are properly made. This can further be supported by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and the activation of the National Information Network (NIN) of the Department of Agriculture (DA). The information should be on time covering the last three (3) days preceding the bidding. NFA should be very careful in their statistic as to the per capita consumption in order to properly manage the injection of supply to the demand. This is why we recommend a major program for Sweet Potato as a substitute to our basic diet. If we can induce the consumer to shift 20% of their basic diet, we will be a surplus producer of rice.

Further, study should be made with regards to the Quedan System in the Sugar Industry. Proper data and strategies can be availed at the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) which can be useful. They hold public bidding almost every week and our Planter Associations attend the bidding. The sugarcane farmer can give instruction to their association whether to sell or not or even give a cap to the price they are willing to sell. The sugar is classified as; a. *Export to the U.S which is not anymore being used due to the expiry of our bilateral agreement*; b. *Domestic*; c. *Reserve and*; d. *for the international market*. The average price in the bid is what the farmers get. Due to the standards set by the sugar central, farmers have learned how to produce and deliver in order to maximize their profit. Though the sharing is 70-30%, it is based on the sugar being extracted from the cane which is based on its brix or sugar content. Therefore, the farmers plant the variety that has very high sugar content and follow the technology to produce more sugar. Before cutting, we use the digital instrument to measure the Brix content. We deliver our cane clean and have cut properly the top point to maximize our sugar recovery. This is necessary to reduce the trash reduction and minimize our post

harvest cost including cutting and delivery which is based on the total tonnage delivered to the sugar central. As much as possible, we try to reach a recovery of 1.5/ton of cane delivered to get one 50/ kg sugar as our share on a 70-30% basis.

Finally, as we have recommended, a major program on Sweet Potato should be established. We also recommend that the environment for the practice of Agri-fishery Professional Licensed by Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) should be developed and implemented thereby privatizing extension services. With proper professional and motivated extension servers, farmers can be guided properly to conform to the standards set in order to maximize their profit with varieties that has proper palatability and fully developed grains as set by the standards. A not fully developed grain will lower the recovery and therefore get a lower farm-gate price.

Lastly, we should visit Presidential Decree (PD) 1770 dated January 14, 1981 that changed the National Grains Authority (NGA) to National Food Authority (NFA) wherein one of the division was the Quedan division as issued by the former President Ferdinand Marcos. Unfortunately succeeding administration, the said Quedan division was taken away and was made into Quedan Corp.

Taking into consideration, what has been recommended is a total overhaul of the industry from production to consumption, it will not be easy and should have a timeframe of 7 to 10 years before full implementation. After the proper legal laws have been made, the Agree-Agra law should be extended for at least 10 years so that the banking system will be encouraged to join the system.

Enclosed are the position paper for the implementation of the Warehouse Receipt System and Resolutions submitted to DA through NAFC Secretariat, Resolutions on Sweet Potato with recommendation of the Department of Health (DOH), Resolution of the National Nutrition Council (NNC) and the Resolutions on the Practice of Agri-fishery Professionals.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCIL (RAFC) HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS CONFERENCE ROOM ON FEBRUARY 23, 2016.

Resolution No. 02  
Series 2016

"RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA) THROUGH PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (PIDS) TO MAKE A THOROUGH STUDY WITH REGARDS TO THE RE-ENGINEERING/RECONSTRUCTURING OF MARKET SYSTEM"

WHEREAS, this body has witnessed that most of the programs and projects are inefficient and ineffective thus need to re-engineer the market structure and system;

WHEREAS, most government policies, programs and strategies are biased against farmers;

AWARE OF, price control and direct intervention of supply into the market at subscribed prices instituted by the government, is biased against the producer;

WHEREAS, all of these phenomena are being caused by inefficient, ineffective and chaotic marketing system that developed over time without the proper planning and study based on the relevant discipline;

WHEREAS, proper planning and thorough study of marketing system can yield benefits to make better strategies, identify the real problem and understand issues better and developed more successful marketing system;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of PAFC Chairperson (Province of Negros Occidental), Mr. Stephen Santillan, duly seconded by PAFC Chairperson (Province of Antique) Ms. Elma T. Peña;


RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to request NEDA through PIDS to make a thorough study with regards to the re-engineering/reconstructing of marketing system;

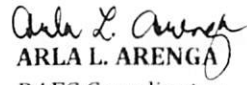
RESOLVE FURTHER THAT, copies of this resolution be forwarded to NEDA-PIDS and furnish the Honorable Secretary of Agriculture, Proceso J. Alcala, PCAF Executive Director Ariel T. Cayanan and DA OIC-Regional Executive Director Engr. Roy M. Abaya for their information and appropriate action.

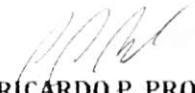
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2016.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the aforementioned resolution.

ATTESTED:

  
MA. VICTORIA G. PACIFICADOR  
PEO-III/OIC-RAFC Executive Officer

  
ARLA L. ARENGA  
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCIL (RAFC) HELD AT DA CONFERENCE ROOM, ILOILO CITY ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

Resolution No. 14  
Series of 2012

"RESOLUTION ENJOINING NEGROS OCCIDENTAL PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCIL (PAFC) TO COORDINATE WITH THE SPECIFIC LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (LGU) FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PILOT AREA FOR THE STUDY TRIAL / TEST RUN OF THE USE OF THE WAREHOUSE RECEIPT (QUEDAN) SYSTEM FOR THE RICE AND CORN"

WHEREAS, the council had passed several Resolutions for the Adoption and Establishment of the Warehouse Receipt (Quedan) System but was not able to get any update for this matter;

WHEREAS, the body believes and convinced that this warehouse receipt (quedan) is a great help for the farmers so that they can get a good price for their produce; thereby alleviating the financial constraints always experienced in the farm;

WHEREAS, the council further believes that with the LGU support as the guarantor for this quedan, both the farmer and the LGUs can gain revenues;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Mr. Stephen Santillan, PAFC Chairman of Negros Occidental and duly seconded en banc;

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to enjoin Provincial Agricultural and Fishery Councils (PAFCs) in NEGROS OCCIDENTAL to coordinate with the specific Local Government Unit (LGU) for the establishment of a pilot area for the study trial /test run of the use of the warehouse receipt (quedan) system for the rice and corn"

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above resolution.

*Arila L. Arenga*  
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCIL (RAFC) HELD AT DA CONFERENCE ROOM, ILOILO CITY ON AUGUST 28, 2012

Resolution No. 11  
Series of 2012

**"RESOLUTION THAT A STUDY BE MADE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS (QUEDAN) SYSTEM ESPECIALLY IN THE GRAIN INDUSTRY (RICE AND CORN)."**

WHEREAS, this Council had passed and endorsed a total of four (4) Resolutions already: Resolution No. 03, series of 2009, Resolution No. 07, series of 2010 and Resolution No. 7 and 10, series of 2011 to the Department of Agriculture and the Congress of the Philippines for the adoption of the warehouse receipts (quedan) system;

WHEREAS, the Council was not able to get any update to the said resolutions to date;

WHEREAS, the council had made a concept paper which gives us the current situation of the inefficient and ineffective market system and addresses the deficiencies and problems in the market system by establishing and/or adopting the Warehouse Receipt (QUEDAN) system in the grains industry;

WHEREAS, this body believes that the adoption of Warehouse Receipt (QUEDAN) system in the grains industry is of importance;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion made and seconded; be it:

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT A STUDY BE MADE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS (QUEDAN) SYSTEM ESPECIALLY IN THE GRAIN INDUSTRY (RICE AND CORN)

RESOLVED FURTHER that a task force be established to make a study of the details in the implementation of the said concept. The RAFC VI is willing to participate in the said task force if required or necessary.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above resolution.

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*[Signature]*  
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCIL (RAFC) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT DA CROPS CONFERENCE ROOM, ILOILO CITY ON MAY 13, 2011.

**Resolution No. 1**  
Series of 2011

**"RESOLUTION REITERATING THE REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ADOPT OR ESTABLISH THE WAREHOUSE RECEIPT SYSTEM (QUEDAN) IN THE GRAINS INDUSTRY ESPECIALLY RICE AND CORN IN ORDER TO MANAGE THE SUPPLY"**

WHEREAS, this Council had passed and endorsed Resolution No. 03, series of 2009 to the Department of Agriculture and Congress of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, said Resolution was referred to the then Undersecretary Paras, and we did not get any updates;

WHEREAS, this body had witnessed that for more than two decades, most of our programs and projects were patch up jobs of the problems and issues that we see in the surface without realizing that the real cause is defective, inefficient and ineffective market structure and system;

WHEREAS, most of the government interventions were even creating market distortions and that market prices will always be determined by the Law of Supply and Demand, unfortunately the demand for rice and corn is almost inelastic while supply is seasonal and therefore very elastic;

WHEREAS, in order to correct the stated deficiency and problems, this body reiterates the request for the Establishment and/or adoption of the Warehouse Receipt (QUEDAN) System in the grains industry especially rice and corn to manage supply;

WHEREAS, the National Food Authority (NFA) will be the regulatory agency that will issue and control the warehouse receipt (QUEDAN) and will guarantee the volume or quantity, quality of the product and assure the floor price of the commodity which it will purchase anytime;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) shall be the sole accredited insurer for all the agri-fishery commodities under the system will insure the commodity from the warehouses up to the end of the supply chain;

WHEREAS, the private sector, miller, traders and other investors should be given proper protection and incentives to put up the necessary equipment and infrastructures such as dryers, warehouses, etc.;

WHEREAS the system will create the proper instrument for the farmers to access to credit in the banking system under the Agri-Agra Law;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion made and seconded;

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to request the Department of Agriculture to establish a task force with the necessary interdisciplinary knowledge to study and finalize the adoption of the Warehouse Receipt System (QUEDAN) especially for the major commodities such as rice, corn, etc.;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in the deliberations for the establishment / adoption of the system, the AFC's should be the focal organization together with the major players in the specific commodity.

RESOLVED finally that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture, the Congress of the Philippines, National Agricultural and Fishery Council (NAFC) and other concerned agencies for appropriate action.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above resolution.

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Resolution No. 10  
Series of 2011

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CONCEPT PAPER ENTITLED "THE RE-ENGINEERING OF THE MARKET STRUCTURE AND SYSTEM OF AGRI-FISHERY PRODUCTS BY THE ADOPTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A WAREHOUSE RECEIPT (QUEDAN) SYSTEM ESPECIALLY IN THE GRAIN INDUSTRY (RICE AND CORN)."**

WHEREAS, this Council had passed and endorsed Resolution No. 03, series of 2009, Resolution No. 07, series of 2010 and Resolution No. 7, series of 2011 to the Department of Agriculture and the Congress of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Council was not able to get any update to the said resolutions;

WHEREAS, this body has witnessed that for more than two decades, most of our programs and projects were patch up jobs of the problems and issues that we see in the surface without realizing that the real cause is defective, inefficient and ineffective market system, thus the need to re-engineer the market structure and system;

WHEREAS, the Act no. 2137 also known as "The Warehouse Receipt Law" enacted on February 1912 is outdated and is not properly implemented to all agri fishery products except for sugar;

WHEREAS, that the concept paper deal gives us the current situation of the inefficient and ineffective market system and addresses the deficiencies and problems in the market system by establishing and/or adopting the Warehouse Receipt (QUEDAN) system in the grains industry;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion made and seconded; be it:

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE CONCEPT PAPER ENTITLED "THE RE-ENGINEERING OF THE MARKET STRUCTURE AND SYSTEM OF AGRI-FISHERY PRODUCTS BY THE ADOPTION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A WAREHOUSE RECEIPT (QUEDAN) SYSTEM ESPECIALLY IN THE GRAIN INDUSTRY (RICE AND CORN)."

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Congress of the Philippines, Department of Agriculture and the other concerned agencies should review past legislations on the warehouse receipt system and other legislations relating to the market system of agri fishery products;


RESOLVED finally that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the Philippines, the Congress of the Philippines, the Secretary of Department of Agriculture, Secretary's Technical Advisory Group (STAG) of the Department of Agriculture, the National Agricultural and Fishery Council (NAFC), the National Food Authority, the Philippines Crop Insurance Corporation, Task Force Agri Fishery 2025, and other concerned agencies for appropriate action.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

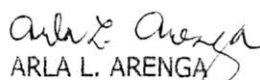
I hereby certify to the correctness of the above resolution.

**SGD. STEPHANIE REVIENNE S. PATIÑO**  
Asst. RAFC Coordinator

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**Resolution No. 07**  
Series of 2010

"RESOLUTION REITERATING THE REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ADOPT OR ESTABLISH THE WAREHOUSE RECEIPT SYSTEM (QUEDAN) IN THE GRAINS INDUSTRY ESPECIALLY RICE AND CORN IN ORDER TO MANAGE THE SUPPLY"

WHEREAS, this Council had passed and endorsed Resolution No. 03, series of 2009 to the Department of Agriculture and Congress of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, said Resolution was referred to the then Undersecretary Paras, and we did not get any updates;

WHEREAS, this body had witnessed that for more than two decades, most of our programs and projects were patch up jobs of the problems and issues that we see in the surface without realizing that the real cause is defective, inefficient and ineffective market structure and system;

WHEREAS, most of the government interventions were even creating market distortions and that market prices will always be determined by the Law of Supply and Demand, unfortunately the demand for rice and corn is almost inelastic while supply is seasonal and therefore very elastic;

WHEREAS, in order to correct the stated deficiency and problems, this body reiterates the request for the Establishment and/or adoption of the Warehouse Receipt (QUEDAN) System in the grains industry especially rice and corn to manage supply;

WHEREAS, the National Food Authority (NFA) will be the regulatory agency that will issue and control the warehouse receipt (QUEDAN) and will guarantee the volume or quantity, quality of the product and assure the floor price of the commodity which it will purchase anytime;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) shall be the sole accredited insurer for all the agri-fishery commodities under the system will insure the commodity from the warehouses up to the end of the supply chain;

WHEREAS, the private sector, miller, traders and other investors should be given proper protection and incentives to put up the necessary equipment and infrastructures such as dryers, warehouses, etc.;

WHEREAS the system will create the proper instrument for the farmers to access to credit in the banking system under the Agri-Agra Law;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion made and seconded;

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to request the Department of Agriculture to establish a task force with the necessary interdisciplinary knowledge to study and finalize the adoption of the Warehouse Receipt System (QUEDAN) especially for the major commodities such as rice, corn, etc.;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in the deliberations for the establishment / adoption of the system, the AFC's should be the focal organization together with the major players in the specific commodity.

RESOLVED finally that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture, the Congress of the Philippines, National Agricultural and Fishery Council (NAFC) and other concerned agencies for appropriate action.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above resolution.

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**A CONCEPT PAPER FOR THE RE-ENGINEERING OF THE MARKET  
STRUCTURE AND SYSTEM OF AGRI-FISHERY PRODUCTS BY THE ADOPTION  
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A WAREHOUSE RECEIPT (QUEDAN) SYSTEM  
ESPECIALLY IN THE GRAIN INDUSTRY (RICE AND CORN).**

It has been repeatedly stated for several decades that the goals and objective of government for agri-fishery are the following:

1. Increase income for the farmer-producer.
2. Rural and country side economic development.
3. Food security, sufficiency and sustainability.

In spite of the different programs, projects and strategies, the government has undertaken, it seem that the goals and objectives are far from being realized, instead incidence of poverty is stagnant or even decline in rural development is more prevalent.


Market led and market oriented principles are often mentioned but has remained more of a rhetoric than an actual part of the government policies, programs and strategies. The billions of pesos of government funding is focused only on production. Most of the government policies, programs and strategies are biased against the farmer producers in favor of the other players in the supply chain, specially the consumers thereby enslaving the farmers for their sake.

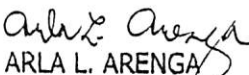
Price control and direct intervention of supply into the market at subsidized prices instituted by the government, is biased against the producer, for it distorts the real price in the market at the expense of the producer. All of these phenomena are being caused by our inefficient, ineffective and chaotic marketing system that developed over time without the proper planning and study based on the different relevant disciplines.

Demand for agri-fishery product especially rice and corn are almost inelastic throughout the year while supply is very elastic due to the seasonality of the harvest. This is the main cause of the low farm gate prices during the harvest season. The farmers are forced to inject the supply immediately to the market due to several pressing factors among which is his immediate need for financial liquidity and the lack of facility where to keep his produce. This causes the supply to flood the market far in excess of demand.

In order to re-engineer and restructure these defective and inefficient market systems aggravated by our archipelagic geography and the number of levels where the product incur cost before reaching the consumers, the government should adopt, institute and install a system where it can manage the supply and demand in the open market and place the farmer producer in an equal level in the playing field, with the rest of the players in the supply chain.

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One of these strategies is for government to adopt and establish the warehouse receipt (Quedan) system starting with the grains industry (rice and corn).

The National Food Authority (NFA) can be the regulatory agency to implement the program. It has to be re-organized and transformed so that it will be able to issue the warehouse receipt (Quedan) system with a guarantee as to the quantity and quality of the commodity and should guarantee the floor price it will buy the said commodity from the holder/owner of the warehouse receipt (Quedan) anytime.

All warehouses under the system are controlled and regulated by NFA but the facilities and infrastructures need not be owned by the agency.

NFA should properly be capitalized to develop the confidence of the public and the banking system of the veracity and value of the warehouse receipt (Quedan) as a negotiable instrument. It should be required that all grains produced be deposited in the warehouses of the system.

All the warehouses should have the necessary facilities and equipments in order to keep the commodity as stated in the warehouse receipt (Quedan) in terms of quantity and quality such as dryers, digital weighing scales, transport equipment if necessary etc.


The said facilities, though controlled by NFA can be established and owned by the private sector such as the millers, traders and other investors under the PPP program of the government.


Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) should properly be capitalized and designated as the sole insurer of the commodity starting with the warehousing throughout the movement of the commodity in the supply chain which includes but not limited to processing, handling, transporting (land, sea and air) and other activities moving the commodity until it reaches the consumer. This will provide PCIC the necessary leverage on its coverage of production which is very risky.

The Agri-Agra law should be extended for at least 10 years at the start of the implementation of this program.

#### EFFECT OF THIS PROPOSAL

1. It will give the farmer-producer access to credit from the formal banking system with the creation of the negotiable instrument that will reduce the risk factor.
2. It will place the farmer-producer on an equal level in the playing field with the rest of the players in the supply chain by giving them the capability to manage

  
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the injection of supply into the market in accordance to the price dictated by demand.

3. It will rationalize the movement of the commodity from the surplus area to the deficit areas and reduce the number of levels that creates the movement of the commodity, thereby reducing the cost incurred in the supply chain resulting to a higher farm gate prices and lower consumer price.

4. It will provide the government and other sectors a more actual and reliable data as to the quantity, quality and location of the commodity in their planning and decision making.

5. It can minimize if not eradicate smuggling or dumping of the commodity.

In order to make this concept work better two more programs should also be instituted by the government:


1. A program for the adoption of sweet potato as an alternative basic food. This can help in managing demand.

2. A program that will privatize extension work for a better delivery of technologies and farm management, by creating the proper environment for the practice of Agri-fishery Professionals licensed by PRC.

Hoping that both Legislative and Executive sectors of the government will create the different task force to study the above proposals.

  
**RICARDO P. PROVIDO, JR.**  
RAFC Chairman

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**ARLA L. ARENGA**  
RAFC Coordinator  
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCIL (RAFC) HELD AT DA CONFERENCE ROOM, PEPITA AQUINO STREET, ILOILO CITY ON MARCH 26, 2013

Resolution No. 02  
Series of 2013

**"RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO GIVE SUPPORT FOR SWEET POTATO PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING"**

WHEREAS, we are celebrating the National Year of Rice (NYR) and the department is encouraging the Filipinos to have alternative food other than rice as mentioned in the DA Food Staples Sufficiency Program and in the recitation of the "*Panatang Makapalay*";

WHEREAS, "*camote*" or sweet potato, among others is being considered as one of the best substitute for rice thereby the consumption for rice will be lessened contributing to the rice sufficiency program;

WHEREAS, in the RAFC Resolution No. 02 series of 2010, the council had requested the Department of Health (DOH) and the National Nutrition Council (NNC) to establish or create a program for decreasing per capita consumption of rice of the Filipino"

WHEREAS, the council believes that the Filipino can be easily enticed to change his eating habit as evidenced by the proliferation of the fast food chain and the "gaya-gaya" system as one of the Filipino character;

WHEREAS, it is further believed that Filipinos can be easily encouraged to adopt the culture of other countries, like Okinawa and Japan who eats root crops, like camote, and tapioca as their basic food;

WHEREAS, if the Department of Agriculture will give enough support to make the sweet potato as one of their top priority commodity under the High Value Crops Development Program, the consumption of camote as one of the strategy in the management of demand for rice and the per capita consumption of rice will decrease by as much as 20% and this will also minimize the malnutrition problem in our country;

WHEREAS, there is a study on why the Okinawans has the longest life span in the world, and it was found out that the cause was their basic diet of sweet potato;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion made by PAFC Chairman Cesar Segovia and duly seconded;

RESOLVE AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to request the Department of Agriculture through the Honorable Secretary to give support for sweet potato production and processing"

RESOLVE FURTHER to send copies of this resolution to NAFC for information and support.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above resolution.

*Arila L. Arenga*  
**ARILA L. ARENGA**  
RAFC Coordinator

ATTESTED:

*Ricardo P. Provido, Jr.*  
**RICARDO P. PROVIDO, JR.**  
RAFC Chairman

EXCERPT FROM THE 1st VISAYAS-WIDE AFC CONGRESS ON OCTOBER 14-16, 2015 AT DOHERA HOTEL, MANDAUE CITY, CEBU.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04**  
Series of 2015

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO PROMOTE THE PROPAGATION AND CONSUMPTION OF SWEET POTATO".

**AWARE OF** basic staple food, such as rice, wheat, refined sugar and cooking oil as fortified by the DOH are those that are normally consumed by people on daily basis which constitute nutrients we need for health and survival;

**WHEREAS**, sweet potato is perceived as a commodity with high commercial and nutritive value due to its health benefits, versatility in many cropping system with low input requirements, and adaptability to withstand environmental conditions;

**EMPHASIZING**, nutrients found in sweet potato such as vitamin A, fiber, potassium, iron and calcium to name a few, can best substitute our standard diet for daily consumption, or in the absence of the normal staple food present in the locality;

**TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION**, aside from being delicious and nutritious, sweet potato is easy to grow, inexpensive and readily available;

**WHEREAS**, during the strongest tropical cyclone recorded in history to hit the Philippines in 2013 named Yolanda, only sweet potato survived in certain places. It served as a local food supply until the relief for the victims of the disaster arrived. Crises were not as severe as those who do not have root crops;


**WHEREAS**, in many places, sweet potato is considered as "super food". Aside from being flexible against weather peculiarity, it can boost income and livelihood opportunities;

**WHEREAS**, for the past 5 years there was a significant growth in the demand for sweet potato in the world market;


**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, the Visayas-wide Agricultural and Fishery Council do hereby pass:

**RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** to request the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Health (DOH) to intensify the promotion for the propagation and consumption of sweet potato.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED** on October 15, 2015 at Dohera Hotel, Mandaue City, Cebu

  
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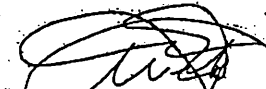
  
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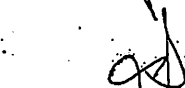
  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM : *Alexander Daroya*  
ENGR. ALEXANDER S. DAROYA  
Officer-in-Charge  
Office of the Deputy Executive Director

SUBJECT : Endorsement of Resolution No. 4, Series of 2015 requesting the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Health (DOH) to promote the propagation and consumption of sweet potato

The RAFC and PAFC Chairpersons from Visayas agreed to pass the attached Resolution No. 4 Series of 2015 Requesting the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Health DOH to promote the propagation and consumption of sweet potato, during the Visayas-wide AFC Congress last October 15, 2015 in Dohera Hotel, Mandaue City, and Cebu.

Sweet potato is perceived as a commodity with high commercial and nutritive value due to its health benefits, versatility in many cropping systems with low input requirements, and adaptability to withstand environmental conditions. Nutrients found in sweet potato, such as vitamin A, fiber, potassium, iron and calcium, to name a few, can best substitute our standard diet for daily consumption, or in the absence of the normal staple food present in the locality. Aside from being delicious and nutritious, sweet potato is easy to grow, inexpensive and readily available.

With this, may we endorse the attached resolution as requested by the proponent. Also attached is a letter to Secretary Janette P. Loreto-Garin, for your signature.

Approved

Disapproved

*[Signature]*  
PROCESO J. ALCALA  
Secretary

Date

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HON. JANETTE P. LORETO-GARIN, MD, MBA-H  
Secretary  
Department of Health  
San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila  
Philippines 1003Manila

*Revised 1/24*

Dear Secretary Garin:

May we refer the attached Resolution No. 4, Series of 2015, requesting the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Health (DOH) to promote the propagation and consumption of sweet potato, passed during the 1<sup>st</sup> Visayas-wide Agricultural and Fishery Council (AFC) Congress, for consideration.

Sweet potato is perceived as a commodity with high commercial and nutritive value due to its health benefits, versatility in many cropping systems with low input requirements, and adaptability to withstand environmental conditions. Nutrients found in sweet potato, such as: vitamin A, fiber, potassium, iron and calcium, to name a few, can best substitute our standard diet for daily consumption, or in the absence of the normal staple food present in the locality. Aside from being delicious and nutritious, sweet potato is easy to grow, inexpensive and readily available.

We would appreciate receiving your response on this matter.

Thank you.

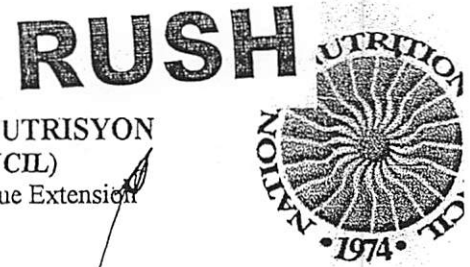
Very truly yours,

  
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MEMORANDUM

FOR : Chairperson and Members  
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SUBJECT : NNC Technical Referendum No. 1, Series 2016: Draft NNC GB Resolution No. 1 Series 2016 "Supporting and Adopting the Propagation and Consumption of Sweet Potato"

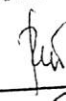
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Further to the letter of the Department of Agriculture (DA) dated 11 November 2015 (copy attached) requesting for consideration of Resolution No. 4, Series of 2015 of the Visayas-Wide Agricultural and Fishery Council (AFC) Congress calling for the intensified promotion for the propagation and consumption of sweet potato, please note that we drafted a National Nutrition Council Governing Board (NNC GB) resolution entitled "Supporting and Adopting the Propagation and Consumption of Sweet Potato".


As such, may we request for your comments on the attached resolution particularly on sections requiring identification of specific agency contributions (lines 39-56). Attached is a separate form for your comments/ suggestions. You may also indicate in the form if you have no further comments. Please submit the completely filled-up attached form to the secretariat with your comments/ inputs by email at [strawberry.francia@nnc.gov.ph](mailto:strawberry.francia@nnc.gov.ph)/ [berry\\_francia@yahoo.com](mailto:berry_francia@yahoo.com) or fax at 843-1337 on or before 19 February 2016.

Thank you and regards.

  
Assistant Secretary of Health Maria-Bernardita T. Flores, CESO II  
Executive Director IV, National Nutrition Council (NNC) Secretariat

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NNC GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION  
Resolution No. 1, Series of 2016

***Supporting and Adopting the  
Propagation and Consumption of Sweet Potato (Camote)***

- 1 **Whereas**, rice is considered as the staple food of the Philippines and is being consumed daily by  
2 Filipinos;
- 3 **Whereas**, the country is experiencing challenges in the production of rice which have resulted to  
4 increase in the price of the commodity;
- 5 **Whereas**, sweet potato is the second most widely produced root crops in the Philippines, next to  
6 cassava, as it is widely grown by both subsistence and commercial farmers and can be grown in  
7 almost all agro-ecological conditions;
- 8 **Whereas**, sweet potato is perceived as a commodity with high commercial and nutritive value;
- 9 **Whereas**, among the nutrition benefits of sweet potato include being an excellent source of  
10 vitamin A in the form of beta-carotene, as well as good source of vitamin C, manganese, copper,  
11 pantothenic acid, phosphorus, potassium, dietary fiber, niacin, vitamin B1, vitamin B2, and vitamin  
12 B6;
- 13 **Whereas**, sweet potato also has several health benefits such as having sporamins which help  
14 promote healing, being an antioxidant, having anti-inflammatory properties, regulating blood  
15 sugar levels, and reducing both the prevalence and duration of diarrhea;
- 16 **Whereas**, several studies have also proven the effectiveness of sweet potato in improving vitamin  
17 A intakes in women and children, which in turn helps in combating vitamin A deficiencies, as well  
18 as its acceptability among children;
- 19 **Whereas**, sweet potato-based formulations were also found to be good complementary food for  
20 infants in low-income countries, as it is naturally sweet and has low phytate levels. High phytate  
21 diets may result in mineral deficiencies such as calcium and magnesium;
- 22 **Whereas**, sweet potato may be considered as a replacement to rice in places undergoing shortage  
23 of the commodity;
- 24 **Whereas**, current efforts in promoting sweet potato still limited and need more actions;
- 25 **Whereas**, the National Nutrition Council (NNC) is the highest policy-making and coordinating body  
26 in nutrition and as such formulates the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN), and is also  
27 responsible for promoting good nutrition;

31 and nutrition of the nation;

32 **RESOLVED FURTHER**, for the National Nutrition Council Secretariat and the NNC Governing Board  
33 member agencies to help in the promotion of consumption of sweet potato by the population  
34 through support in increasing acceptability of the product, nutrition education among household  
35 managers on the nutritional value and effects of consuming sweet potato, and help in the  
36 promotion of micro-enterprise development;

37 **RESOLVED FURTHER**, for the National Nutrition Council Secretariat to ensure that this policy is  
38 disseminated as widely as possible and adopted accordingly.

39 **RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the following agencies will undertake following specific actions:

40 Department of Health (DOH): Include camote in related messages on complementary  
41 feeding and healthy diets, among others.

42 Department of Agriculture (DA): Promote the propagation of sweet potato to farmers through  
43 incentives or subsidy in planting materials;

44 Department of Social Welfare  
45 and Development (DSWD): Include camote in the list of commodities for Supplementary  
46 Feeding programs for pre-school children; and  
47 Include the nutritional value of camote in nutrition education  
48 activities for program beneficiaries;

49 Department of Science and  
50 Technology - Food and Nutrition  
51 Research Institute (DOST-FNRI): Develop more recipes and food formulations using sweet  
52 potato;

53 Department of Education (DepEd): Include camote in the list of commodities for Supplementary  
54 Feeding programs for School Children; and  
55 Include the nutritional value of camote in nutrition education  
56 activities for school children.

**JANETTE LORETO GARIN**  
Secretary of Health and Chairperson  
National Nutrition Council Governing Board

Attested:

**Assistant Secretary of Health Maria-Bernardita T. Flores, CESO II**  
Council Secretary and Executive Director IV  
National Nutrition Council

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*Supporting and Adopting the  
Propagation and Consumption of Sweet Potato (Camote)*

**CONFORME:**

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Dear Secretary Alcala:

Greetings from the National Nutrition Council!

Further to your letter requesting for the consideration of Resolution No. 4, Series of 2015 of the Visayas-Wide Agricultural Fishery Council (AFC) Congress calling for the intensified promotion for the propagation and consumption of sweet potato, we are sending you a copy of the draft NNC Governing Board Resolution No. 1 Series 2016 "Supporting and Adopting the Propagation and Consumption of Sweet Potato", which will be further discussed with stakeholders concerned.

We agree that sweet potato has many nutrition and health benefits. We agree too that root crops such as sweet potato are able to withstand tropical cyclones as recorded during Yolanda in 2013. Considering the nutritive value of sweet potato and the recent price increases in the main staple food of the country which is rice, it is indeed necessary to promote the consumption of sweet potato and other indigenous root crops. The attached draft resolution of the NNC GB lists the efforts to be done by agencies in promoting sweet potato, for further validation.

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For further inquiries, the Office of the Secretary may contact Assistant Secretary of Health and Executive Director IV Maria-Bernadita T. Flores, CESO II of the National Nutrition Council or Ms. Maria Lourdes A. Vega, Chief of NNC-Nutrition Policy and Planning Division (NNC-NPPD) at telephone numbers (02) 892 4271 or (02) 843 1337.

Thank you and regards.

Very truly yours,

  
Secretary Janette P. Loreto-Garin, MD, MBA-H  
Department of Health

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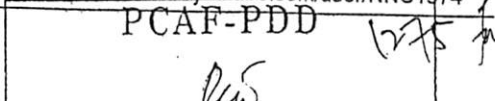
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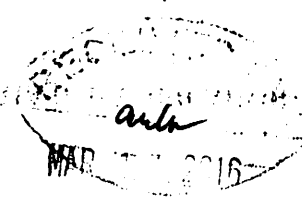
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**MR. RICARDO P. PROVIDO, JR.**  
 RAFC Chairperson, Region VI  
 Department of Agriculture - RFO VI  
 Fort San Pedro, Iloilo City



Dear Chairperson Provideo:

This refers to the attached Resolution No. 4, Series of 2015, requesting the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Health (DOH) to promote the propagation and consumption of sweet potato passed during the 1<sup>st</sup> Visayas Wide AFC Congress held at Dohera Hotel, Mandaue City, Cebu on October 14-16, 2015. The said resolution was endorsed by PCAF to DA Secretary Proceso J. Alcala who in turn referred the resolution to DOH Secretary Janette P. Loreto-Garin on November 11, 2015.

The DOH has acknowledged the necessity to promote the consumption of sweet potato and other root crops considering its nutritive value and ability to withstand tropical cyclones. In this regard, the National Nutrition Council Governing Board (NNC GB) has drafted the attached Resolution No. 1, Series of 2016 "Supporting and Adopting the Propagation and Consumption of Sweet Potato (Camote)", which highlights the specific contribution/role to be done by the concerned agencies in the promotion of sweet potato. The draft resolution was then forwarded to the NNC Technical Committee chairperson and members last February 4, 2016 for their comments and suggestions (copy of the memorandum attached). To date, the NNC is still awaiting for the inputs from the NNC Technical Committee before the finalization of the said NNC GB Resolution.

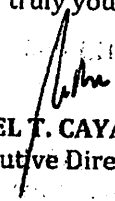
As the main proponent of the resolution, may we request your comments and suggestions to the said draft resolution by the NNC GB. Your inputs will greatly help the DA in deciding the Department's contribution/role in this worthwhile undertaking to better serve its clientele. We will appreciate if you could send us your response as soon as possible.

Also attached, for your reference is the letter of DOH Secretary Garin to DA Secretary Alcala dated January 18, 2016.

Rest assured that we will be updating you on any progress on this matter.

Thank you for your usual support.

Very truly yours,

  
**ARIEL T. CAYANAN**  
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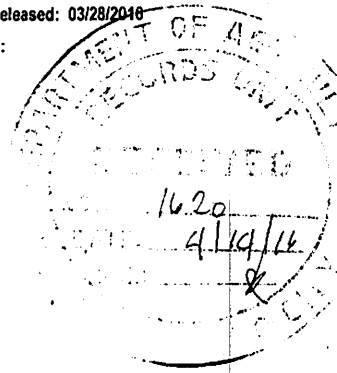


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**ENGR. ROY M. ABAYA**  
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 Fort San Pedro, Iloilo City

Attention: Ms. Ma. Victoria G. Pacificador  
 OIC-RAFC Executive Officer

Ms. Arla L. Arenga  
 RAFC Coordinator

Dear Director Abaya:

This refers to the attached Resolution No. 4, Series of 2015, requesting the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Health (DOH) to promote the propagation and consumption of sweet potato. It was passed during the 1<sup>st</sup> Visayas Wide AFC Congress held at Dohera Hotel, Mandaue City, Cebu on October 14-16, 2015. Secretary Proceso J. Alcala referred the resolution to DOH Secretary Janette P. Loreto-Garin on November 11, 2015.

The DOH acknowledged the necessity to promote the consumption of sweet potato and other root crops considering its nutritive value and ability to withstand tropical cyclones. In this regard, the National Nutrition Council Governing Board (NNC GB) has drafted the attached Resolution No. 1, Series of 2016 "Supporting and Adopting the Propagation and Consumption of Sweet Potato (Camote)", which highlights the specific contribution/role to be done by the concerned agencies in the promotion of sweet potato. The draft resolution was then forwarded to the NNC Technical Committee chairperson and members last February 4, 2016 for their comments and suggestions (copy of the memorandum attached). To date, the NNC is still awaiting for the inputs from the NNC Technical Committee before the finalization of the said NNC GB Resolution.

Also attached, for your reference, is the letter of DOH Secretary Garin to DA Secretary Alcala dated January 18, 2016.

Rest assured that we will be updating you on any progress on this matter.

Thank you for your usual support.

Very truly yours,

  
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCIL (RAFC) HELD AT DA CONFERENCE ROOM, ILOILO CITY ON DECEMBER 21, 2010.

**Resolution No. 09**  
Series of 2010

"RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCIL (NAFC) TO TAKE THE LEAD IN THE CONDUCT OF A STUDY ON THE CREATION OF PROPER ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PRACTICE OF AGRI-FISHERY PROFESSIONALS AS AN ALTERNATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE"

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RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED to request the Department of Agriculture to undertake a study together with the Agricultural and Fishery Council (AFC) for the implementation of this system.

RESOLVED FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be furnished the Secretary of Agriculture, the Congress of the Philippines, and other agencies concerned.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above resolution.

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*Ricardo P. Provido, Jr.*  
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCIL (RAFC) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT DA CROPS CONFERENCE ROOM, ILOILO CITY ON MAY 13, 2011.

**Resolution No. 2**  
Series of 2011

"RESOLUTION REITERATING THE REQUEST TO THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COUNCIL (NAFC) TO TAKE THE LEAD IN THE CONDUCT OF A STUDY ON THE CREATION OF PROPER ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PRACTICE OF AGRI-FISHERY PROFESSIONALS AS AN ALTERNATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE"

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