Statement of the Commission on Human Rights on the Filing for Damages Linked to Super Typhoon Odette

Climate change is a human rights issue. It gravely impacts the right to life of the Filipino people as enshrined in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, the Philippine Constitution, and various international treaties and instruments. The Commission on Human Rights' *National Inquiry on Climate Change Report*[1] documented the devastating impacts of anthropogenic climate change and at the worst, how the Filipino people carried the brunt of this devastation by paying with their lives. The Commission also points to the *United Nations Guiding Principles on Human Rights* which elaborates on the responsibilities of businesses to respect human rights, including providing for or cooperating in their remediation through legitimate processes.

The Commission on Human Rights fully supports the survivors of Super Typhoon Odette in seeking legal redress to attain effective remedies in the name of environmental justice.

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[1] Commission on Human Rights, *National Inquiry on Climate Change Report* (2022).

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