



MAGNA CARTA OF THE PHILIPPINE PIRATE MOVEMENT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The contents of this Magna Carta of the Philippine Pirate Movement are derivations from the political ideology of the members of the People's Patriotic Movement, which was established in 1894, on how to build a strong nation. Philippine Pirate Movement laid down a study on what makes our nation weak, despite the country's claim as a sovereign nation, is our lack of appreciation of the historical truth which deprive us the correct premises for crafting our future as a "STRONG NATION". It is a judgment of political reality where our national psyche is confined within the bounds of colonial structures, systems and processes. Ergo, the country remains divided, there is chaos and tensions in both the economic and political fronts, and there is not enough security and safety for the poor to defend themselves against the adverse impacts of changes internal and external environment. As evaluated by most scholars, globalization makes our national economy at the mercy of powerful nations. Our domestic policies have been viewed as mere extensions of the same colonizing powers and orientation, and the elite, played along with this system so long as it serves their purpose and protect their own self-interests. They too, in conspiracy with big business, exploit our national patrimony and our people and supported corrupt politicians to get elected into office. Political parties were organized mainly to serve elite interests and once elected in office, they immediately metamorphosed from one nationalist advocate into an opportunist clique.

It is therefore incumbent upon us, to those who remain steadfast to the cause of rational change and reforms, to transform the vision of our heroes into a reality. There will be risks in this movement, and our first adversary to be subjugated is the evil within us, the inherent weakness of our national spirit. As one body politic, we have no measure to discern the good, the bad and the ugly. Traditional and wily politicians are good at exploiting patriotic sentiments. Our patriotic sentiments can also be very effective tool to serve selfish ends, to gain power, for in the same good name of democracy and development that our people can be mobilized for a cause, only to realize at the end that the same rotten politicians are enjoying the perks and privileges of high office and the people remain homeless, bureaucracy remains inefficient and corrupt, businessmen exploit workers, merchants hoard commodities and manipulate the market for more profit, majority of Filipinos wallow in poverty, unemployment, undernourished children, there is rebellion and separatism, and so on. Every election in the country have become a legitimizing instrument of the elite and ruling class who among them will be in charge of oppressing and cheating the people for the next period of years, who will enjoy kickbacks and commissions from government contracts.

This Magna Carta does not aimed for a paradise in this country but to propose an alternative form of freedom governance better than the so called democratic governance based on enlightened leadership from those who seek public office. It represents a hope under this current constitutional-legal framework and without to resulting to violent struggle, to achieve our political ends by organizing, establishing, and transforming this patriotic movement into a strong political party as a point of convergence of all unheard aspirations of the Filipino people.

The translations of all such patriotic aspirations stand on three instrumental premises:

1. The Party must provide clear and guidance to all those who seek for public office and even when they are already holding their respective positions in the government. This

means there will be models and standards to be followed in the process so as not to drift from the objectives set forth by the Party.

2. The Party must educate before it enlist members therein and equip them with the tools on how to manage and administer public office, thus the people will not be shortchanged by politicians who will only make promises but never fulfill them.
3. The Party must work out to continually influence public decision-making in both executive and legislative branches of the government to ensure that national interest is amply protected and the prosperity of the people is promoted.

This Magna Carta therefore serve as a foundation for which all succeeding political programs, project and activities of the Party will be crafted. It searches for the most appropriate model where we can truly stand as the converging point of all our aspirations in building a strong nation-state.

POLITICAL IDEALISM, PHILOSOPHY AND MODEL OF GOVERNANCE

a. POLITICAL IDEALISM

Our patriotic movement can only be realized by building and adopting a political theory that will reflect our democratic aspirations as one country while recognizing the heterogeneity of our beliefs, culture, and religion. Our idealism questions the fundamental relevance of a constitutional democracy over the lives of ordinary citizens when we despise authoritarianism as a bane to the progress of our country. We recognize the constitution as a social contract between government and citizens and to that our democratic institutions have not responded to the call of the times and all what we gathered after more than three decades of constitutionalism is an absurd pro-colonial dispensation and extreme inequality. The substantive part of constitutional democracy is when we no longer see homeless citizens sleeping under bridges and in sidewalks, or eating leftovers found in garbage can, or justice is denied because they are poor, or sick patient died in a hospital because of lack of medicine and medical attention. We longed for a country where citizens respect and follow ordinances even when nobody is watching and laws are enforced squarely without fear or favor. We longed for a republic, strong and safe, where citizens have accepted a democratic way of life tempered by ethical values, values that reject excessive materialism which corrupt the spirit, for it is in the distortions of our morality which generated a culture of greed and violence. We abhor unbridled capitalism that lead to exploitation of man against man and of the environment, and we raise above our state of nature, that *animus dominandi* which is nourished and feed by excessive appetites for domination and self-aggrandizement, towards civility and gentleness in our desires for comfort and pursuit of happiness. We are to reform and amend public policies that support the neo-liberal order whose dark head is seen in globalization and structural adjustment policies, which euphemized hegemonic and imperialist motives of superpowers. We stand indignant against all kinds of shameless machinations and political maneuverings by the powers-that-be who can even design profit from their own incompetence and corrupt behavior by using them as an excuse to tamper the basic law, not for reforms, but as a ploy to cover authoritarian tendencies and perpetuate in power.

The fact is we have this country called Philippines where we have established our fellowship with one another and to God. It is in that faith and by its protection, which build sureties of our identity and splendor. Our identity should not cease to exist just because our national patrimony have been ravished by foreign interests. We will not despair even if our means of production are controlled and owned by foreign capital. We will not allow that our fellowmen become squatter in their own land, or remain glorified servants in distant shores just to boast our foreign exchange reserves. We will not allow our farmers to remain destitute and subsistent when they are the one who feed the nation. We still see the light at the end of the tunnel and the republic will be strong, safe and prosperous once our people imbibed our political philosophy and model of governance. With our hearts and minds set for this struggle, soon there will be peace and unity in the land.

b. POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

We were men and women even without a republic. We embrace the whole human family in our love and believe in the unity of man under divine providence. It is only by these thoughts that we will be able to respect the rights and care for others and refrain from doing immorality.

We do not exist to serve a government but we create a government to serve our common purpose. We capture political power through the electoral process by establishing a government that will serve our people. And because we desire to establish a responsible government and a prosperous country, we have to educate our people the duties of citizenship

and they should be written not in paper but in their hearts and minds. Duty to country must be accomplished by peaceful and progressive tendencies, complemented by a desirable character that will bring forth national harmony, for it is in that love of country that our individual aspirations are fulfilled. We stand firm to our collective spirit, to declare the irrelevance of elitist democracy characterized by individuals who treat public office as a family inheritance and private property and by economic groups who distinguished themselves away from performing their duty country and yet enjoy the protection and favor of our laws to exercise absolute control of the means of production and the wealth of our nation. Our affirmation to the philosophy of libertarian democracy must not equate freedom as an exclusive enjoyment of the privileged class who usually has the upper hand in asserting their interests. Our democratic process should be able to produce equalizing instruments, i.e. public policy, between the rich and the poor, and inculcate the importance of peaceful and democratic elections as a mechanism for effecting reforms rather than a risky exercise that lead to moral regression which is characterized by violence and hatred between brothers, clans, friends and relatives.

We pursue application of the real law of life by principle of social equity or equal sharing of duties and responsibilities. Those who are in position of influence and power must exercise greater social responsibility. Those who are endowed with resource capacity to make improvements in our decrepit state of affairs should be called in service to the country. They should join this patriotic movement and lead our people.

The Party advocates universal brotherhood of man and in the solidarity of peoples who are bound by common aspiration-- , that is, to reduce that unity to fact, and not to confine unity as a mere political rhetoric. We hail patriotic citizens and netizens to stand as the building blocks of the party, to serve as the foundation of a truly free and democratic Philippines.

It is erroneous understanding if we yield our duty to country to only a few men whose acts are not in accord with the common good and unfaithful to the obligations of their office. And the measures for which we base our judgment against such skewed representations are the appearance of crisis after crisis reflecting human depravity from reason and civility. These are sufficient basis to conclude that those who enjoy the perks and privileges of power ceased to become representatives of the people but tyrants and usurper of our sovereign will.

It is erroneous to yield to the arrogance of the few to impose upon us and to future generation rules based on their subjective notion and approximations of public good, indeed more grave and insidious if they carry an authority that was derived from fraudulent elections or illegitimate selection. The perils of democracy is when it creates a costly consequence for the country when callous men are tolerated to employ all forms of machinations and sophisticated adhesives in order to reinforce their perpetual claim to the seat of power and establish political dynasty. We abhor to such repulsive political culture when potential public servants become men of war out of frustrations, or when education and affluence can no longer be relied upon as a guarantee for self-regulation against the corrupting influence of power.

Whether Philippines is created by destiny or by circumstances, or by mere accident in history, is of no consequence to this movement. We gather and organize ourselves not by mere appointment of higher powers but to perform an inherent duty to country. We cannot just be spectators waiting the tower of our aspirations tilt to the wrong side of history, neither to sit idly when our fellow-men groans or when the dignity of human nature is violated by falsehood and tyranny. Our minds and hearts will not be consoled by apologists and half-truths alleging we are better off than yester years. No, we reject all forms of justifications from the beneficiaries of falsehood. We have to take back sovereignty from the hands of unaccountable public officials, whatever and whoever they are, and replace them with patriotic people. We may have democratic elections but we elected many of them who really do not have a country of their own. They did not, and do not recognize this country as their own except their own families, cronies, dynasties, and the egoism of their own class.

This economic and social divide arbitrarily sanctioned by bad governments that precede us will soon be over. But even if there is change, we remain vigilant and steadfast to our cause

and protect our freedom against future tyrants. The Party therefore shall be a liberating instrument from all these colonial vestiges and shenanigans of traditional politics.

C. MODEL OF GOVERNANCE

Our model of governance shall be based on strict observance to party discipline and worship of principles and not of worship of interests and opportunity. Governance is a serious business wherein those who are called to serve by elections or by appointments must perform their duty with utmost integrity, responsibility and patriotism. The first test of good governance is when government is able to mobilize people to collectively share the burden when the country is facing a crisis and there is commitment to continually promote redistributive policies that will narrow down the gap between the rich and the poor. The second test is when the government places truth and justice as the highest value in governance. Third, government is autonomous, that while it builds strong international relations, it must be free from vested interests and foreign influences over its domestic policies. Fourth, legitimate governmental authority must have the consent of the governed and the support of the people. Support does not mean majority alone but to include minority views whether it is in parliament or in the streets. It means expanding to the limits the space for democratic participation. The 1987 Constitution adopted a multi-party system as a mechanism to prevent monocratic and totalitarian tendencies. Such liberal-democratic model is to facilitate different political groups to coalesce and form a united front based on principles and fundamental issues and not as mere convergence of personal interests. Fifth, in developmental pursuits, consensus building is necessary for the effective implementation of government policies and programs. The republic spread its beauty by the flourishing of its arts and culture and manifests its strength through able leadership, competence and patriotism.

We form a government free from servile fears and insecurities, keeping at its foundation the people, and that the consequences of its principles are logically translated into specifics, understandable, felt and appreciated by even the most ordinary man in the streets and in remote villages, its outcome the amelioration of all, and that the end of all these human state of affairs is the fulfillment of the mission which God and people has bestowed upon our shoulders.

ARTICLE II

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

SECTION 1. The Philippines is a sovereign country and no one has the right, whether state, institutions, ordinances, interest groups or individuals, can reduce, divide or take away such power today, tomorrow and in perpetuity. As such, every Filipino citizen is duty bound to offer personal sacrifice to defend its national identity, freedom and territorial integrity, and work for the promotion of peace and prosperity.

SECTION 2. As the principle of sovereignty is indivisible, so as loyalty to country shall not be divided, for no one can serve two masters. As no one can be in two places at the same time, no one can serve two or more sovereigns at the same time with the same loyalty and intensity of commitment. The Party stands as a symbol of unity as provided in Article V hereof.

SECTION 3. In the pursuit of national development, while we encourage foreign direct investments to build our industries, we will not allow foreign interests to exploit our people and our national patrimony. As shattered human lives and environmental degradation cannot be equated by labor employment and amount of tax revenues derived from the operation of factories and industries.

SECTION 4. We reject the idea of globalization that is not based on reciprocity, fair dealings, non-interference, non-aggression and respect for the independence and sovereignty of the Philippines.

SECTION 5. Realizing our own independence and self-reliance, we encourage the use of our local talents and shall receive full support from the government in order to stimulate greater creativity and productivity. It is in the liberative use of science and technology complemented by correct moral orientation can we be assured of our competitive standing in the global market and in the stability of our national economy.

ARTICLE III

THE SIX INDIVISIBLE PILLARS OF A STRONG NATION

In manifesting our principles, the Party abides to the six indivisible and indispensable pillars of a strong and progressive NATION and encourages all citizens, netizens and incumbent government to pursue and promulgate policies and programs within these six pillars. These are:

1. Fear of GOD;
2. A strong and modern industrialized economy;
3. A strong, just and democratic government;
4. A united and patriotic people strongly committed to the principles and practices of universally accepted human values, social justice and sustainable development;
5. A strong and professional armed and police force for national security;
6. A free and independent foreign policy strongly committed to the principles of cooperation and reciprocity, respect for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-aggression and non-interference in internal affairs, and peaceful co-existence in the relationship between and among nation.

ARTICLE IV

NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

In order to translate the above principles and put flesh into the six pillars of a strong republic, the Party thus lead and lays down the national action plan as imperatives for development and security of the people.

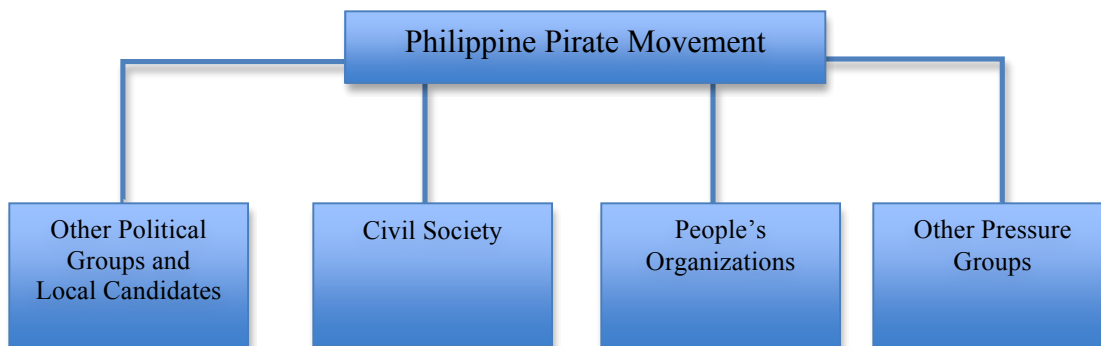
SECTION 1. Action Plan on Political Mobilization - This refers to the first stage of the political process where the Party shall take the lead in mobilizing people and resources and open up the groundwork for Party build-up.

Activity	Description	Remarks
Organization of the Convenors Group at the national level which shall be known as the National Council for Freedom, Democracy and Development	Policy and standard settings of party programs and guidelines, party incentives and rewards.	Members shall represent each region of the country. Each region shall select two representatives to sit as members of the National Council.
Organization of the National Secretariat	Technical and Administrative Support and acts as the central coordinating body for all party activities.	Members shall serve in voluntary basis, which shall then perform, as the Education Committee of the Party.
National Convention of the Convenors Group	Approval of Constitution and By-Laws and Election of Party Officers.	To be accomplished within four months and to be done on periodic basis after the 2010 elections and onward.
Creation of the Philippine Pirate Movement as a Political Party	Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Registration	To be done on periodic basis before and after 2010 elections and onward.
Regional Party Build-Up	Progressive identification of potential local leaders for provincial and municipal elective positions. Conduct of Seminars and Political Re-orientation of Party Members.	To be chosen by municipal party members convened as a body to select provincial party chairman
Philippine Pirate Movement Convention	Election of Party Standard bearers for the Gubernatorial, Congressional, Senatorial, and Presidential Positions. Identification of potential leaders and party members.	As a rule, all local party leaders shall be nominated and selected by local party members and affirmed by the provincial party chairman.

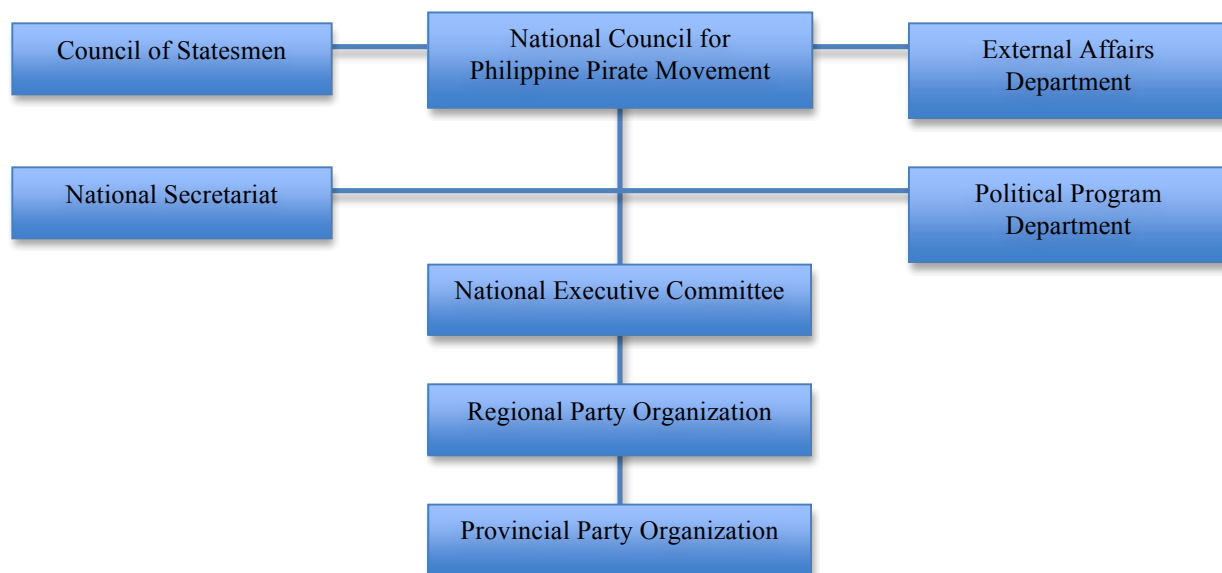
SECTION 2. Action Plan for Resource Mobilization - Every local party organization in provincial and municipal levels shall be responsible for mobilizing its own resources and device methods for outsourcing of funds for party build-up or campaign activities in accordance with existing laws, strictly observing transparency and accountability. It shall develop its own accounting and auditing systems and to submit period reports to the National Secretariat for record and information purposes. The National Council shall likewise adopt the same and where

warranted and availability of resources, allocation of party resources shall be prorated at all levels of party organization.

SECTION 3. Action Plan for Political Campaign - The Party shall establish a complete line-up of candidates in all national and local elective positions and work hard to establish alliances with civil society and other pressure groups i.e., political parties, people’s organizations and non-governmental organizations, and where possible, assert as the umbrella political party of different political groups vying for local elective positions. It shall not be called as a rainbow coalition under a multi-party set up but a convergence of patriotic individuals who, by their own convenience, have been a member of a particular political party. Thus, the political formula shall appear as follows:



SECTION 4. Party Organizational Structure and Functions. The Party shall be organized under the following levels of decision-making reflecting organizational autonomy at the regional and provincial levels.



- a. The Council of Statesmen shall be composed of elder statesmen, which will provide advisory services to the National Council concerning fundamental issues on governance and public policy making.
- b. The National Council shall be stand as central decision making body which shall be responsible for formulating and implementing party policies and programs and in influencing government decisions and in proposing legislative measures in accordance with party platforms.
- c. The National Executive shall be the implementing arm of party policies and programs.
- d. The External Affairs Department shall be responsible for building alliances with similar patriotic movements around the globe and in projecting the good image of the country.
- e. The National Secretariat performs administrative support to the National Council.
- f. The Political Program Department performs technical support to the National council.

- g. The Regional Party and Provincial Party organizations shall be headed by a party chairman, respectively, which shall be responsible for implementing party policies and programs.
- h. The National Council shall be administered and managed by a General-Secretary. Elements of succession shall be established in cases where the Council Members run for national or local elective posts. In case where a council member is elected as President of the republic, he or she shall be automatically become party president otherwise he or she retains as council member, and to be replicated under similar condition where a party member is elected in local elective positions.

SECTION 5. Party Officials and Other Organs of the Party in National and Local Levels, Membership, Manner of Elections, Terms of Office, and Party Discipline. Party officials shall refer to all the national, regional and provincial organs of the party responsible for the implementation of party policies and programs.

- a. **The National Council** for Philippine Pirate Movement shall be composed of the Party President, and other Officials of the National Executive Committee, the party ideologue/s, one representative from each allied political parties, civil society, labor, youth, people's organization / non-government association of retired military and police officers, religious sector, women sector, and Party Regional Chairmen from all regions of the country.
- b. **The National Executive Committee** shall be composed of the following officials:
 - b.1. Chairman and President
 - b.2. Secretary-General
 - b.3. Vice-Presidents for Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao
 - b.4. Vice-President for External Affairs
 - b.5. National Treasurer
 - b.6. Auditor
 The National Executive may create such other working committees to accomplish its tasks.
- c. **The Regional Party Organ** shall be composed of all provincial party chairmen in a particular region and shall create its own working committees to accomplish its tasks. Once a provincial chairman is elected as the regional party chairman, he shall automatically resigned from his post and his vice-chairman shall succeed and fill up the vacated post.
- d. **The Provincial Party Organ** shall be composed of all party municipal chairmen who shall elect their provincial party chairman, who then shall be automatically resigned from his post upon election and his deputy shall fill up the vacated post.
- e. **Terms of Office** of all party officials shall be for three years not unless they resigned or replaced by a new official or expelled from the party. In case such party official run for an elective post, won or lost in the elections, he shall remain his position in the party.
- f. **The Party Discipline** includes suspension, public censure and expulsion for acts ranging from dishonesty, disloyalty and/or violation of party policies and guidelines, betrayal of trust, supporting candidates that are not party members or political ally of the party during elections, using the party for personal gain and receiving bribes from persons in consideration for political favors and positions in the government, sowing intrigues and factionalism in the party, criminal conviction involving moral turpitude, and such other acts inimical to the principles of the party as proclaimed in this Magna Carta of the Philippine Pirate Movement. All forms of complaints and request for redress of grievance shall be in writing addressed to the National Executive Committee and all decisions are appealable to the National Council, which shall be final and executory.
- g. **Membership Qualifications.** All natural born Filipino citizens can be a member of the Party irregardless of sex, religion, political persuasions or affiliations, and beliefs, at the voting age at the time of application of membership, and desires to build a strong republic based on the principles stipulated in this Magna Carta. All members shall undergo education and /or re-orientation of party principles, policies and programs. All members are qualified to sit in all the organs of the party, at all levels upon elections by the party members in accordance with the guidelines set for the herein.

SECTION 6. Action Plan for Political Reforms. The Party shall actively pursue political reforms through constitutional amendments and where feasible, take lead in the call for Constitutional Convention after 2010.

SECTION 7. Agenda for National Development and Security. To realize the agenda for progress as indicated in Article III hereof, the following policy directions and program focus shall be worked out by the party in all form and levels of decision making of the government. These directions shall policy areas are:

PILLAR 1. FEAR OF GOD!

- a. A nation with GOD Fearing people that is terror-stricken of committing a crime!

PILLAR 2. A strong and industrialized national economy

- a. State support for the full development science and technology by providing incentives to Filipino scientists, engineers, inventors and researchers.
- b. State support for the full development of alternative source of energy.
- c. State support for the full development of agro-industrial technology and the use modern methods of food production without endangering the environment, marine exploration and development.
- d. State full support for the development of local heavy industries and industrial production of capital goods in partnership with foreign capital and technology.
- e. State support for the full development of engineering technology for land, air and sea usage, and where feasible, to participate in space exploration.

PILLAR 3. A strong and just democratic government

- a. Initiating serious reforms in the branches of government. For the executive branch, the president should then be a symbol of unity and patriotism. He or she should then come from the Party, and restore people's confidence to the government, work for peace and address the root cause of rebellion, and respect human rights. For the legislative branch, the Party should work hard to occupy majority seats in the House of Representatives. For the judiciary, to work vigorously for the approval of judicial reform measures that will fast track the dispensation of justice and improving the criminal justice system of the country by removing all vestiges of corrupt practices of law enforcers, judges or justices, prosecutors, and jailers and improving jail management and correctional practices.
- b. The Party should act as the fiscal of any incumbent president to prevent abuse of power. Whether such president is a party member or not, he or she shall be always at the critical sight of the Party in order that our agenda for a strong and just government shall not be infected by the personal shenanigans, evil ambitions, prejudice and ignorance of a sitting president.

PILLAR 4. A united Filipinos living under a regime of ethical values, justice and sustainable development

- a. The Party takes the lead in revolutionizing Filipino character through leadership by example, and by implementing incentive-driven programs in education, arts, culture and sports. This means getting rid of all mal-educated officials and employees of the Department of Education, reorganizing that agency, and reforming the delivery of education and school curricula in all school levels, and insulating public school teachers from partisan politics, including members of the

military and the police services, and completely eradicating graft and corruption in the bureaucracy.

- b. The Party shall walk extra mile to participate in peaceful settlement for every political conflict that arises between contending political groups that could lead to violent confrontations or social divisions.
- c. The Party shall participate in crafting policy measures on sustainable development, i.e. climactic change and environmental degradation. This shall be accomplished by mobilizing research scientists, the procurement of equipment for early detection of changes in the natural environment, adequate training for personnel, providing attractive incentives to scientists and researchers, and scientific research collaborations with allied governments, likewise the use of Filipino inventions and the already developed products such as software and hardware, agricultural products, and others as a tool of our national government. The plan includes support climate adaptation in agriculture through the development of climate-resilient crops, expansion of weather insurance mechanisms, and agricultural practices.
- d. The Party shall strongly advocate for the approval of policy measures to completely implement total log ban, the revocation of all logging permits and licenses, implement reforestation of all denuded forests, implement alternative livelihood programs for all upland farmers, and prevent alienation of inalienable public lands and forested areas for agricultural use, prevent the conversion of agricultural lands, especially lands devoted to rice and corn production, into housing subdivisions and recreation areas for the elite market, prevent the use of harmful chemicals and synthetic components in food production, and total ban on the use of plastic bags for commercial purposes, and adopt measures to impose national discipline on cleanliness and indiscriminate non-biodegradable substances into the environment, and lastly, provide government support and incentives for faithful compliance with garbage segregation and recycling of garbage.

PILLAR 5. Building a strong and professional armed and police force for national security

The Party shall take the lead in the advocacy and approval of measures designed to modernize and improve the operational capability of the armed forces. It is to be noted that the Armed Forces of the Philippines Modernization Program remains in the wish list. The Philippines is an archipelago and a vast shoreline to protect against potential aggressors, and the problem of operational mobility can be addressed by an effective naval, land, and air force services. Thus, the Party shall work for the following:

- a. Establish the Armed Forces of the Philippines Research and Development department to create and replicate modern warfare technology.
- b. Establish an effective and graft-free procurement system for military software, hardware, and equipment.
- c. Procure fast moving and smaller naval gunboats for the Philippine Navy.
- d. Procure fast moving vessels for the Philippine Coast Guard.
- e. Re-establish, rehabilitate and modernize the Naval Shipyard in Sangley Point and enlist capable naval engineers to manage the facility.
- f. Establish effective Maintenance System for military software, hardware, and equipment to avoid waste of scarce resources.
- g. Establish a training school for naval engineering and warfare.
- h. Establish the Missile Defense Program/System.
- i. Procure reliable fighter planes for the Philippine Air Force.
- j. Train our air force pilots in flying modern aircraft.
- k. Provide more incentives to Filipino air force pilots and discourage them from seeking employment in private air transport companies or in serving other governments.

- l. Pursue a legislative measure to completely review the quality of doctrine and its application in military and police academy by enlisting the services of local and foreign scholars.
- m. Optimize the benefits in the military alliance between the United States of America and the Philippines through transfer of technology and procurement of modern military software, hardware, and equipment.

PILLAR 6. Building a free and independent foreign policy based on the principles of reciprocity.

This aspect is provided in the 1987 Constitution and one of the basic principle of international law and international relations, whereby no matter how small and weak a nation, it is equally treated with reciprocal respect and treatment. The Party thus translates this principle into the following specific action plan:

- a. Initiate a program for the review of the RP-US Mutual Defense Treaty and the Visiting Forces Agreement based on reciprocity and national sovereignty issues.
- b. Initiate a program for the review on the effectiveness of the ASEAN as an instrument for protecting common interests against the surge of globalization implemented through the World Trade Organization and global financial institutions that appear to dictate governments on the manner they should manage their national economy, as well as the Asia-Pacific Economic Forum which is just mouthpiece of affluent nations.
- c. Support the concept for the establishment of a regional currency as a mechanism to stabilize the law of supply and demand of capital goods and the capital market, and strengthen our economic alliances, and establish a regime of freedom for the movement of peoples between national territories and prevent abuse of Filipino citizens by foreign authorities whenever they are declared as illegal aliens.
- d. Independent foreign policy should not be construed here as isolationist and self-centered policy to protect national interest.

The duty of the government is to protect its nationals anywhere in the world. Thus when injustice is committed against a Filipino citizen and his rights are violated, the Philippine Government must run to the rescue and use its powers that justice be done, even the to the extent of cutting diplomatic relations and declaration of war against an arrogant foreign government. From here, we are assured of the loyalty of our people to our government since the government is loyal to its people.

ARTICLE V

FIDELITY TO PARTY PRINCIPLES

It is the duty of Party members to exercise fidelity to principles, policies and programs set forth in this Magna Carta. As the mind is created by God in accordance with the order of things in the universe and commanded mankind to serve one God alone and be faithful to him, is an indication of the limited capacity of the human mind and singularity of his purpose. As no individual person can be in two places at the same time, in the same condition that his mind can not accommodate two loyalties with the same intensity of commitment at the same time. As no man can serve two masters, he will sacrifice the other for the sake of other loyalties. Thus, we advance the principle of the indivisibility of all these loyalties into one under the symbolic representation of the Party. The Philippine Pirate Movement hereby proclaim fidelity to God, country, family, and self is united by the Party as graphically presented hereunder:

