

**Hon. Alistair MacDonald**  
**Ambassador to the Philippines**  
**European Union**  
**Address**

**May 11, 2007**

Dear Ambassador MacDonald:

May we submit herewith for your perusal and recommended action our petition for the creation of a United Nations International Criminal Tribunal that will impose accountability and put a stop to the killings of political activists in the Philippines.

As explained in our manifesto, UN Special Rapporteur Philip Alston has already identified the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, as ultimately responsible for the over 800 killings already by virtue of command responsibility.

The killings continue and even one of the witnesses who Mr. Alston interviewed when he was here was assassinated shortly after the Alston Report was released.

Mr. Alston's findings on command responsibility and the government's ultimate accountability are shared by a Permanent People's Tribunal that was organized by various sectors here as well as by the government-appointed Melo Commission.

The European Union has condemned the killings and called upon the Arroyo government to put an immediate stop to these, but to no avail.

Sadly, the Philippines is virtually under a de facto martial law and there is no other reliable recourse for the citizens to seek justice for the victims and put a stop to the carnage than to seek the help of the international community.

Our Supreme Court may have been commendable in many of its recent decisions but the problem is there is no chance that these cases can be elevated to the Supreme Court when the prosecutors and the police agencies operate under the direction of the very suspects behind the crimes.

Too much innocent blood has been shed. Our country is losing some of our most idealistic patriots who, even if we may not totally agree with their

political prescriptions, still we can only commend their dedication and zeal to usher a new social contract for many of our poor countrymen.

Let's not wait for the Philippine political killings to escalate into a humanitarian tragedy similar to what happened in the Balkans and in Rwanda.

Just twenty years ago, the Philippines was the toast of the free world after Filipinos removed the Marcos dictatorship through a bloodless People Power Revolution. Now, Filipinos are re-living the dark night.

Thank you for your attention.

Very respectfully yours,

Concerned Citizens of the Philippines