

Annex 7

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Department of Justice
Manila

CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

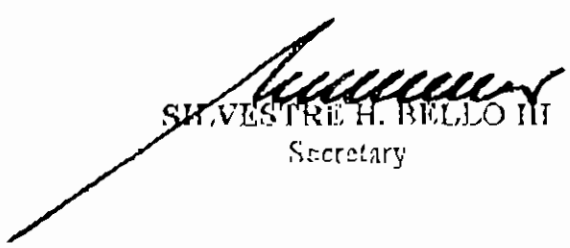
This is to certify that based on the records of the Department of Justice of the Republic of the Philippines there is no pending criminal charge against Prof. Jose Maria Sison

Criminal Case No. 74896 which was filed against him on October 17, 1988 in the Regional Trial Court of Pasig, Metro Manila, for violation of the Anti-Subversion Law Republic Act No. 1700, was motu proprio dismissed by the court due to the repeal of the Anti-Subversion Law, Republic Act No. 1700 by Republic Act No. 7636 on September 22, 1997.

The case filed in the City Prosecutor's Office of Manila, I.S. No. 91-24834, entitled Philippine National Police-Criminal Investigation Service Command (PNP-CISC) vs. Jose Maria Sison et al., was dismissed on March 2, 1994, "for lack of sufficient evidence".

This Certification is being issued in connection with Prof. Sison's plan to attend the special ceremony in commemoration of the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law signed in The Hague, The Netherlands on March 16, 1998 by the respective Peace Panels and witnesses of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines/Communist Party of the Philippines/New People's Army.

Manila, Philippines
April 20, 1998


SILVESTRE H. BELLO III
Secretary