**Abs: Ort, Datum:**

**An:**Botschaft der Republik Philippinen
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Dear Secretary of Justice Guevarra,

I am dismayed by the continued detention of Senator Leila de Lima, arrested on 24 February 2017 on drug related charges. She is a vocal critic of the so-called "war on drugs" of President Duterte's administration. Authorities commit countless human rights violations amounting to crimes against humanity under the pretext of fighting drugs. For example, numerous extrajudicial executions are carried out, which Senator Leila de Lima wanted to investigate. This did not happen, however, because she was arrested and accused of drug offenses for which there is no evidence. Amnesty International considers Leila de Lima a prisoner of conscience.

I urge you to ensure that all charges against Senator de Lima are dropped and that she will be released immediately and unconditionally. Please also ensure that Senator de Lima is held in humane conditions during her detention and that arbitrary restrictions, such as denial of visits, are lifted to enable her to fully carry out her work as a Senator. Please also direct an impartial and effective investigation into all human rights violations committed in the "war on drugs," particularly where law enforcement officials have been implicated.

Yours sincerely,