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SUBJECT: **CREATION OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR FAMILY FARMING FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF FAMILY FARMING 2019-2028, AND DESIGNATION OF THE AGRICULTURE TRAINING INSTITUTE AS LEAD AGENCY**

The United Nations General Assembly, in its 72nd Session, proclaimed the UN Decade of Family Farming (UNDFF) 2019-2028 to serve as a framework for countries to develop public policies and investments to support and strengthen family farming, and contribute to the achievement of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Global Launch of the UNDFF was held on 29 May 2019 in Rome, Italy.

In this regard, a National Committee for Family Farming (NCFF) is hereby created to support the Department of Agriculture, as UNDFF National Focal Point, in the implementation of the Decade in the country and to undertake activities relating to this program. In particular, the committee will:

1. Raise awareness on the primordial role of farming systems based on the family unit in sustainable food production and in promoting food security and nutrition;
2. Serve as a platform to facilitate inclusive dialogue on family farming at the national level;
3. Strengthen and advocate for targeted public policies for family farming at national and subnational levels;
4. Formulate and execute a national action plan for the implementation of the Decade, including its monitoring and reporting mechanisms;
5. Contribute to the regional and global discussions through participation in relevant fora and meetings, and the Family Farming Knowledge Platform (FFKP) network;

The committee shall be composed of the following:

National Focal Point: Department of Agriculture (DA)
NCFF Chairperson: Agriculture Training Institute (ATI)
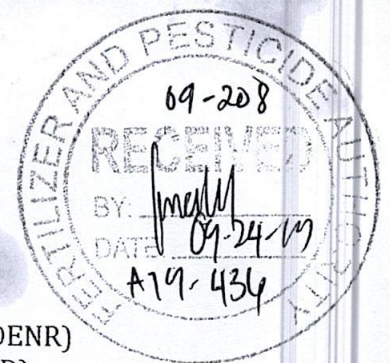**Members/Representatives from:**
   1. Government line agencies:
   a. Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
   b. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)
   c. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
   d. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
   e. Department of Interior Local Government (DILG)
   f. National Nutrition Council (NNC) of the Department of Health (DOH)
   2. Department of Agriculture units and agencies:
   a. Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)
   b. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)
   c. Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)

  d. Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)
  e. National Dairy Authority (NDA)
  f. National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS)
  g. Policy Research Service (DA-PRS)
  h. Field Operations Service (DA-FOS)
  i. Special Area for Agricultural Development Program (DA-SAAD)
  j. Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran ng Kababayang Katutubo (DA-4Ks)
  k. Agriculture and Fisheries Information Division (DA-AFID)
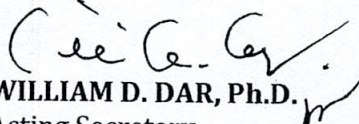
3. Other organizations/agencies:
  a. Farmer Organizations
  b. Civil Society Organizations
  c. Private Sector
  d. Academe and Research Institutions
  e. Youth/Volunteer Organizations
  f. International Organizations

The committee will discuss and establish its operational procedures, including subcommittees and/or sub-focal points, such as on policy and legislation, communications, and resource mobilization, and the setting up of the secretariat.

All officials and employees of the various Departments including Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, DA Service Units and Regional Field Offices are hereby advised of this designation and directed to give full support and cooperation to the National Committee for Family Farming in the performance of its functions.

Expenses to be incurred by the members of the NCFF in the performance of their functions shall be charged to their respective offices, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in force until otherwise amended or revoked in writing.

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