

**REBOLUSYONARYONG PARTIDO NG  
MANGGAGAWA PILIPINAS—RPM-P  
DECLARATION OF THE RPM-P/RPA-ABB AGAINST THE  
USE AND PRODUCTION OF LANDMINES  
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Full human development should be the essence of social progress and must be the end-result of a social conflict or war. This is the greatest desire of all revolutionaries. In our revolutionary struggle towards socialism, we tread the precarious and hostile road, the only road, leading to a world without oppression, suppression and dehumanisation of the working class. With this aim, we are drawn in conflict with the ruling oppressive class who possesses all the implements of counter-revolution. And yet we strive, we fight, we sacrifice until victory.

For more than three generations now, the Philippines has been the arena of bloody armed conflict between the Maoist CPP-NPA-NDF waging a protracted war and the government waging anti- insurgency war. After our split with the CPP, the RPM-P looked back on the long history of armed conflict and saw that the sacrifices of human lives—foot soldiers and civilians—and the damage to properties were regrettable, if not condemnable. These were the errors that needed to be corrected as we institute a new orientation of our revolutionary struggle.

In pursuing the revolutionary struggle towards socialism, the RPM-P/RPA-ABB believes that it is the surge of revolutionary movement for and according to the masses of the working class and all the oppressed peoples that will be decisive while armed struggle and other forms of struggle are complementary, supporting forms.

We believe, therefore, that the destruction of lives and properties, as a consequence of armed conflict, is an anti-thesis to our desire for a better world. We believe that while we are fighting to achieve full human development and social progress, we must respect the lives of the people and of nature—uphold and promote human rights, and protect the environment.

The use of anti-personnel mines, as a weapon for destruction, has been extremely prejudicial to the lives and safety of civilians. This is a weapon commonly utilised in battle fields both by revolutionary or rebel forces and of reactionary forces to weaken, maim or destroy each other. It is a fact that anti-personnel mines have been killing civilians, destroying properties, destroying the environment and inflicting damage to innocent civilians more than it has served its military purpose.

The Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa—Pilipinas and the Revolutionary Proletarian Army—Alex Boncayao Brigade declares its opposition and rejection of the use and production of anti-personnel mines. We give our full support to the world wide campaign against the use and we call for the immediate stoppage of production.

Our adherence to the humanisation of conflict in practice means we strive to avoid by all means the loss of lives and destruction of properties in the course of our armed struggle. RPM-P/RPA-ABB believes in the necessity and correctness of humanising the struggle between the revolutionary forces and reactionary forces. Fighting for genuine peace, social justice, political liberty, and a safe and clean environment are all in the service of the human race. Destroying the world and sacrificing innocent lives with the use of anti-personnel mines does not serve this purpose.

STOP THE USE AND PRODUCTION OF LANDMINES.

ONWARDS WITH REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE.

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