



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and, with reference to the latter's Note Verbale No. NP/HV dated 3 March 2020 requesting inputs on the topics for the Third Session of the Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law which will be convened in November 2020 under the theme of *"equal access to justice for all: a necessary element of democracy, rule of law and human rights protection"*, has the honor to submit the following topics for consideration:

- **Legal Aid: A Fundamental Human Right**
- **Forensic Science: An Affordable Tool in Attaining Justice**
- **Inmates: Persons Deprived of Liberty but not of Other Rights**
- **Rule of Law: Relevant at All Times**

The Philippines wishes to highlight the topic of legal aid is especially significant in ensuring the access to justice by the vulnerable sectors and is in line with the session's theme on equal access to justice for all.

The Philippines hopes that the topics proposed above could be given consideration by the OHCHR.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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