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DEFENSE OF JOSE MARIA SISON

The U.S. troops that are taking part in joint operations with the Armed Forces of the Philippines are doing so in defiance of the Philippine constitution, and against the wishes of the Filipino people. Those of us who are working to stop the unbridled aggression against the world that has been unleashed by the Bush White House should make every effort to defend Prof. Jose Maria Sison, and to support the Filipino people as they struggle to defend sovereignty and build peace. A scarcely interrupted century of US military occupation after the bloody Filipino-American War, must end.

--Ramsey Clark, Former US Attorney General

Professor Jose Maria Sison is a key participant in the peace negotiations between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP). Labeling Prof. Sison as a terrorist has placed an obstacle to his crucial participation in the peace process. His name must be de-listed from the roll of "terrorists" in order to facilitate the resumption of the peace talks.

--Executive Committee, Ecumenical Bishops Forum

I am unabashed in saying that I have always regarded Jose Maria Sison with deep respect, as I would any Filipino dedicated to promote our country's best interests. Joma Sison struck me as a man devoted to public service. I have no doubt that in the future his distinct ideological beliefs will not serve as insurmountable barrier to arriving at common solutions to our country's problems.

-- Sen. Loren Legarda, Philippine Senate Majority Leader

We stand for the defense of the democratic rights of Prof. Jose Maria Sison and we demand the removal of his name from the list of "terrorists." We firmly uphold the 1997 and 1999 resolutions of the European Parliament on the Philippines which support the peace negotiations of the GRP and NDFP. We want him to continue working effectively as chief political consultant of the NDFP in the peace negotiations.

--Statement of Members of the European Parliament

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Part I introduces Professor Jose Maria Sison as a Filipino patriot and progressive who lives in The Netherlands as a recognized political refugee. He has struggled long for national liberation and democracy in the Philippines and has been persecuted in his country and abroad

Part II. Professor Sison defends himself against his powerful detractors and turns the table on them. He describes as acts of terrorism the war of aggression launched by the US against the Filipino people from 1899 onward and the subsequent colonial rule of the US over the Philippines up to 1946 and semi-colonial rule up to the present. He denounces the US and the current Bush regime for plundering the world, pushing state terrorism and unleashing wars of aggression. He exposes as unjust the US global campaign to demonize as "terrorist" national liberation movements, countries asserting national independence and progressive leaders like him.

Part III presents the international campaign to defend the democratic rights of Professor Sison and to demand respect for his role as chief political consultant of the National Democratic Front of the Philippines in peace negotiations with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines.