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Hon. Mrs. President Arroyo,

The Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) is filled with concern about the most recent killings in the Southern Philippines. As we learned from reliable sources, 50 civilians were murdered by gunmen on their way to file the candidacy of Mr. Mangu-dadatu in Maguindanao Province in Mindanao.

While our prayers and solidarity are with the families of the victims of this massacre, we are outraged about this escalation of extra judicial violence. We share the distress of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines that government action has been rather reluctant. Two days after news of the carnage broke out, the suspected mastermind has not been taken into custody. The EKD joins the public demand for urgent action in order to find the perpetrators and bring them to court.

With our brothers and sisters we pray that peace and justice be given a chance in Mindanao and elsewhere in the Philippines. Please stop the spiral of violence and set up a clear action for disarmament of warlords and family clans. There is no way to peace than peace itself.

Kind regards,



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