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**HON. BENIGNO C. AQUINO, III**  
Senator  
Senate of the Philippines  
Manila, Philippines

05.08.09

Dear Senator Aquino,

We at the Hanns Seidel Foundation and the people of Germany join the international community in mourning with the Filipino nation the loss of a great icon of democracy, the symbol of "People Power" movement and an inspiration in the continuing quest for freedom, moral leadership and a better world for all.

I am writing to express my deepest condolences to you and your family on the demise of your beloved mother and former Philippine President Corazon C. Aquino. I had the honor and privilege to know your mother through our existing development efforts in the Philippines. We are extremely sad with Her Excellency's passing away as we love, admire and respect her for her integrity, personal courage and devotion to your country; as well as for her humility, sincerity, and deep faith.

We sincerely thank her for trusting the Hanns Seidel Foundation through her valuable support to our joint programs and projects in the Philippines over the last 16 years, together with the Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. Foundation, promoting poverty reduction through people empowerment, peace and human rights, democracy and development.

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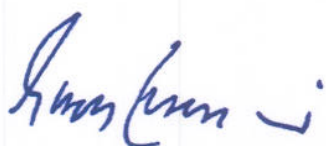
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Her legacy as a selfless and exemplary leader is worthy of emulation by future generation of leaders. The impact she had on many people's lives she touched will live forever.

We will truly miss Her Excellency - a good and true friend of the Foundation. We will keep her in our prayers and may she rest in peace.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hans Zehetmair', with a small flourish at the end.

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Dr. h. c. mult. Hans Zehetmair  
Chairman  
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