

Cordillera Administrative Region REGIONAL TASK FORCE TO END LOCAL COMMUNIST ARMED CONFLICT

Excerpts from the minutes of the 4th Quarter 2021 Cordillera RTF-ELCAC meeting held on December 22, 2021 at the DA Conference Hall, BPI Compound, Guisad, Baguio City

RTF-ELCAC Resolution No. 10 Series of 2021

ENJOINING ALL GOVERNMENT INSTRUMENTALITIES IN THE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION TO COORDINATE WITH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NCIP) - CORDILLERA FOR THE CONDUCT OF FREE AND PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT (FPIC) PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN AREAS WITHIN ANCESTRAL DOMAINS

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Republic of the Philippines CORDILICRA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet

March 24, 2022

To

Schools Division Superintendents All Others Concerned

For information and appropriate action.

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NOW THEREFORE, RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the RTF-ELCAC enjoins all government instrumentalities in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) to coordinate with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) – Cordillera for the conduct of Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) prior to the implementation of any infrastructure project in areas within ancestral domains;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copy of this resolution be furnished to all members of the RTF-ELCAC, LGUs in CAR and NTF-ELCAC, for information and reference.

APPROVED this 22nd day of December 2021 in Baguio City.

Certified true and correct:

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Head Secretariat, CRPOC

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Secretary, Department of Agriculture

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Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security (CORDS) - CAR Chairperson, RTF-ELCAC - CAR