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PHILIPPINES

Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

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The Philippines, through the Philippine Statistics Authority and the government's various agencies and partners, continues to support the implementation of the United Nations Legal Identity Agenda. As the country undergoes crucial development in the foundation of its national identity management system, the Philippines aims to reconcile both systems to empower its people—ensuring legal identity from birth to death. With this, the Philippines further encourages this body to embrace the principles of the United Nations Legal Identity Agenda, and answer the call to implement the same.

In recognition of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Philippines would also like to express its concern on the negative impact of the pandemic on the availability and quality of vital statistics and civil registration services. Many national civil registration systems have been affected by the adverse effects of the pandemic and were interrupted in delivering civil registration services to the general public. Hindered by the pandemic, some national CRVS systems were not able to emulate or maintain international standards of service. With this, the Philippines further calls all Member States to extend support, in any way possible, to developing, less developed, and underdeveloped members and their national CRVS systems—ensuring that no one will be left behind in the international, regional, and national levels.

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