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*Republika ng Pilipinas*

**Komisyon ng Karapatang Pantao ng Pilipinas**

*(Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines)*

**RESOLUTION**  
**CHR (IV) No. A2009-028**

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is in receipt of a recommendation for the recognition of IDP Caraga LINK, as an accredited arm through its regional office in responding to and monitoring adverse situations causing or affecting internal displacements in the Caraga region, to include recommending measures and their implementation on issues and concerns of Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) to proper offices/agencies or bodies in the said region;

**WHEREAS**, records show that IDP Caraga LINK was organized on the occasion of the IDP Workshop in Lianga, Surigao del Sur in September 2005 when the participants saw the need for a body to help the Commission promote the respect for and the protection of the rights of the IDPs in Caraga Region;

**WHEREAS**, it appears that since its inception, IDP Caraga LINK pursues information, education, assessment and monitoring of internal displacements in the region to include specifically the Municipalities of Lianga, Marihatag, San Miguel, San Agustin and Tago, all of Surigao del Sur, the Municipalities of San Luis and Esperanza, all of Agusan del Sur, and the Municipality of Las Nieves, Agusan del Norte;

**WHEREAS**, IDP Caraga LINK, composed initially of representatives from the local government units, the Department of Education (DepEd), the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC), Philippine Information Agency (PIA), Office of Civil Defense (OCD), and Philippine National Police (PNP), is now expanding its membership to include the focal person in every Municipality in the region through the Municipal Civil Defense Deputized Coordinators;

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**WHEREAS**, in an effort to support volunteerism, the Commission is convinced that respect for the rights of the internally displaced persons primarily rests on effective implementation of the United Nations Guiding Principles of Internal Displacement (UNGPID) by a well-organized and coordinated efforts of individuals/groups on the ground, and in this case through the IDP Caraga LINK;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commission, as a means to generate effective linkages and partnership in the pursuit of the State policy to guarantee full respect for human rights, **RESOLVES** to **RECOGNIZE** the IDP Caraga LINK under the following terms and conditions:

1. IDP Caraga LINK is deemed the Commission's primary partner in the promotion and protection of the human rights of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and such sectors identified as marginalized and disadvantaged;
2. Its activities shall be with the knowledge of and strictly coordinated with the CHRP-Caraga Regional Office, to include but not limited to assistance, support and/or guidance;
3. For this reason, the services of all of its officers and members will be on voluntary basis and they are hereby recognized as advocates of human rights; and
4. The following are deemed the functions of IDP Caraga LINK:
  - a. Conduct and facilitate information and education activities in relation to the rights of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs);
  - b. Conduct and facilitate assessment and monitoring of internal displacement in the region;
  - c. Submit report of its activities to the Commission on Human Rights and the result thereof;
  - d. Conduct all of its activities in coordination with the Commission;


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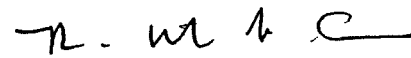
- e. Receive and refer human rights violations complaints to the Commission; and
- f. Mobilize the community in the conduct of human rights activities.

**SO RESOLVED.**

Done this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009 at Quezon City, Philippines.

  
**LEILA M. DE LIMA**  
Chairperson

  
**CECILIA RACHEL V. QUISUMBING**  
Commissioner

  
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Commissioner

  
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Commissioner

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