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H.E. Rodrigo Duterte
President of the Republic of the Philippines
Malacañang Complex, J.P. Laurel Street
San Miguel, Manila, Philippines, 1005

Dear Mr. President,

The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), representing over 72, 0000 academic staff across Canada, denounces the death threats received by the General Secretary of the Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT), Raymond Basilio.

Mr. Basilio received death threats on his personal mobile phone during an ACT press conference on 11 January 2019, at which ACT denounced the constant harassment and threats faced by its members and leaders.

The CAUT condemns the unlawful profiling of ACT members by the Philippine authorities. Such practices are in serious breach of both national and international law and violate the principles of freedom of association, equality and non-discrimination, as well as the rights to respect for private life and data protection.

The CAUT calls on the Government of the Philippines to:

- Protect the security of Mr. Basilio, and other ACT leaders and members against threats, harassment and other acts of discrimination;
- Carry out independent investigations on the death threats against Mr. Basilio and the profiling of ACT members and its officers by the PNP; and prosecute those responsible; and,
- Respect the privacy of ACT members and destroy any data collected illegally.

As part of the international community of educators, the CAUT stands in solidarity with our sister organizations in the Philippines and we will continue to monitor closely the human and trade union rights situation in the country.

Sincerely,

David Robinson
Executive Director

cc. The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Canada