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**Subject: Rejoinder to PH Haiyan's letter dated 15 October 2025 – Proposed Mangrove Rehabilitation near Daniel Z. Romualdez (DZR) Airport**

Dear **Mr. Ilagan:**

This refers to your rejoinder dated 15 October 2025 relative to your proposed mangrove rehabilitation activities near Daniel Z. Romualdez (DZR) – Tacloban Airport.

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) recognizes and appreciates PH Haiyan's Advocacy Inc.'s environmental initiative and continued coordination with concerned agencies. Nonetheless, we find it necessary to reaffirm CAAP's regulatory authority and mandate to ensure that all undertakings within or in the vicinity of airports comply with applicable civil aviation safety regulations.

Pursuant to Republic Act 9497 and relevant Civil Aviation Regulations (CARs), CAAP is the competent authority responsible for safeguarding the aerodrome environment and ensuring that no land use, development, or activity poses a hazard to aircraft operations or airport safety. Compliance with these regulations is mandatory and applies to all entities, whether public, or private, engaged in activities that may influence aviation operations.

While CAAP remains open to coordination and consultation, it is important to underscore that the obligation to ensure conformity with aviation safety standards rests with the project proponent. CAAP role is to provide regulatory oversight and guidance within the framework of existing laws and international standards. It is not within CAAP's mandate to identify or delineate project areas, conduct field mapping, or undertake technical studies on behalf of private organizations.

This clarification is issued to place on record CAAP's position and to guide all future coordination efforts regarding the proposed mangrove rehabilitation project. The authority reiterates that aviation safety considerations shall remain paramount in all developments affecting the operational environment of DZR -Tacloban Airport.



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CAAP remains supportive of initiatives that promote environmental sustainability, provided these are implemented in accordance with established aviation safety and regulatory requirements.

Should you have any questions or clarifications, please contact the AANSOO Office at **(02) 8246-4988** local **2035** or email us at **aanso\_asid@caap.gov.ph**.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Very truly yours,



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