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NCI-SRD JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10, Series of 2020

DIRECTING THE REGIONAL CONVERGENCE INITIATIVE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS (RCI TWGs) TO ADOPT AND PROMOTE BAMBOO AS A HIGH VALUE CROP AND REPORT ON COMPLEMENTATION OF INTERVENTIONS THAT SUPPORTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BAMBOO INDUSTRY IN THE CONVERGENCE AREAS

WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 states that, “in order to strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of environmental and governance strategies, the government will continue to pursue the national convergence initiative using the ridge-to-reef approach”;

WHEREAS, the NCI-SRD Joint Resolution No. 03, series of 2018 was issued on 12 January 2018, adopting the “One Convergence Area per Region” Policy;


WHEREAS, the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No. 1, series of 2020 (Revised DA-DAR-DENR-DILG JAO No. 01, Series of 2015: Strengthening the Implementation Framework of the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG NCI-SRD) took effect last 21 May 2020 which provides the legal basis for the NCI-SRD operations and strengthen its implementation;

WHEREAS, the DA-DAR-DENR-DILG JAO No.1, series of 2020 further states that the Regional Convergence Initiative Technical Working Group (RCI TWG) shall act as the regional arm of the National Technical Working (NTWG) in supervising the implementation of the programs, activities, and projects (P/A/Ps) under the approved Convergence Area Development Plan (CADP) and the NCI-SRD;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture as NCI-SRD Lead Convenor, endorsed the official letter from House of Representatives Deputy Speaker Deogracias Victor Savellano, 1st District of Ilocos Sur dated 26 February 2020 to the NCI-SRD, requesting for the joint adoption and promotion of bamboo as high value crop, which will require complementation of resources in terms of massive planting and propagation;

WHEREAS, the NCI-SRD Policy and Advocacy Component Working Group (PA CWG), convened in a regular meeting on 04 September 2020 and discussed the proposal from the House of Representatives Deputy Speaker Savellano on the adoption and promotion of bamboo as high value crop;

WHEREAS, the NCI-SRD PA CWG agreed that the proposal is in line with the strategic thrusts and directions of the Department of Agriculture (DA), which declared bamboo as a high value crop as part of its efforts to strengthen the local bamboo industry and committed to undertake

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interventions such as basic research, processing and value-adding, and budgetary support, complementing the programs and project of the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council (PBIDC).

WHEREAS, the PA CWG also agreed that the proposal is consistent with the National Greening Program (NGP) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' (DENR), which recognized the importance of bamboo as an alternative to wood, its huge potential as a carbon sink, and committed to increase bamboo seedling planting under the NGP;


WHEREAS, the PA CWG further agreed to draft a joint resolution directing the Regional Convergence Initiative Technical Working Groups (RCI TWGs) to adopt and promote bamboo as a high value crop and regularly report on their complementation of interventions that supports the development of the Bamboo Industry in the convergence areas;

WHEREAS, the NCI-SRD National Technical Working Group (NTWG)NTWG, composed of the Chairpersons of the four (4) NCI-SRD Component Working Groups (CWGs), convened in a regular meeting on 09 September 2020 and agreed to endorse the joint resolution drafted by the PA CWG requesting the RCI TWGs to adopt and promote bamboo as a high value crop and regularly report on their complementation of interventions that supports the development of the Bamboo Industry in the convergence areas;

WHEREAS, the NCI SRD National Steering Committee (NSC), composed of the Undersecretaries of DA, DAR, DENR, and DILG, convened in a regular meeting on 30 September 2020 and approved the NCI-SRD DA-DAR-DENR-DILG resolution adopting and promoting bamboo as high value crop and regularly report on the complementation of interventions that supports the development of the Bamboo Industry in the convergence areas;


NOW, THEREFORE, for and in view of the foregoing, we, the NSC, hereby RESOLVE to direct the RCI TWGs to adopt and promote bamboo as high value crop and regularly report on their complementation of interventions that supports the development of the Bamboo Industry in the convergence areas. We FURTHER RESOLVE to direct the National Secretariat to furnish the report of the RCI TWGs to the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council and relevant NCI-SRD offices.





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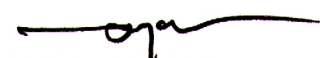
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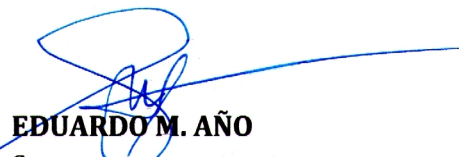

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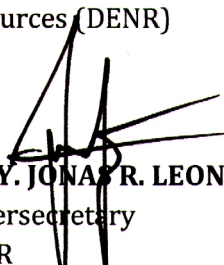

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