









STATEMENT ON THE DECISION TO RELEASE THE 2016 ELECTION TEST RECOUNT REPORT

The signatory organizations welcome the Supreme Court's decision to release the report on the test recount of the 2016 Vice Presidential election returns.

The decision reassures the public of the Philippine Supreme Court's commitment to transparency and fairness.

In the face of turbulence in both the domestic and international markets, the decision provides confidence in the Philippine Judiciary's commitment to the rule of law - so fundamental to investor confidence.

The signatory institutions believe that an expeditious resolution of the Protest would spare our policymakers and leaders from the political distraction - at a time when focus on more fundamental challenges facing the country is critical.