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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Climate Change Service
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Biodiversity Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM : **The OIC Director**
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **INTERSESSIONAL MEETING RE TSD CHAPTER OF THE PROPOSED PHILIPPINE-EUROPEAN UNION FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (PH-EU FTA)**

DATE : **14 NOV 2023**

This has reference to the electronic mail from the European Commission, requesting the availability of the Agencies involved (e.g. NEDA, DOLE, BITR and **DENR**) in the Trade and Sustainable Chapter (TSD) of the proposed Philippine-European Union Free Trade Agreements (PH-EU FTA).

In preparation for the said meeting, may we kindly request the respective Offices to 1) Provide questions/comments on the possible implementation of the PH-EU FTA particularly the challenges and issues that may arise should the agreement come into force, noting that the said chapter will undergo a Dispute Settlement; 2) Review the list of international agreements, frameworks and instruments referenced in the TSD chapter of the EU-India FTA and the EU-New Zealand FTA; and 3) Provide a list of regulations/ processes on Mineral export.

Relatedly, please be informed that prior to the proposed Intersessional meeting with the EU, this Office will conduct a DENR Trade Focal/s consultation meeting to discuss the above-mentioned issues. Further details on the consultation meeting will be circulated in a subsequent email, once finalized.

We would appreciate receiving an advance copy of your inputs on or before **21 November 2023** through our email address: psddivision@gmail.com. For your reference, EU FTAs related documents can be access using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/3d4pvsde>.

For your information and preferential action, please.


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