

**Note Verbale dated 8 June 1994 from the Embassy of the  
Philippines to the Netherlands**

EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES

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The Embassy of the Philippines presents its compliments to the International Court of Justice and, with reference to the request of the World Health Organization to the Court that the latter give an advisory opinion on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons in armed conflict, subject of the Order of the International Court of Justice of 13 September 1993, has the honor to quote, hereunder, the text of the letter, dated 2 June 1994, from H.E. Roberto R. Romulo, Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs, addressed to H.E. Mohammed Bedjaoui, President of the International Court of Justice:

"Sir:

"The Government of the Republic of the Philippines studied with care the Order of the International Court of Justice of 13 September 1993 on the request of the World Health Organization to the International Court of Justice for the latter to give an advisory opinion on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons in armed conflict.

"The Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides in Article II, Sec. 8:

"The Philippines, consistent with the national interest, adopts and pursues a policy of freedom from nuclear weapons in its territory."

"In view of the above considerations, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines therefore supports the position that the threat or use of nuclear weapons is illegal. The Philippines is convinced that in view of the serious health and environmental effects from nuclear weapons by a state during armed conflict, such use would constitute a breach of obligations under international law, including the Constitution of the World Health Organization.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) ROBERTO R. ROMULO  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs"

The Embassy of the Philippines avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Court of Justice the assurances of its highest consideration.

08 June 1994  
The Hague

