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NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

Treaties, agreements, and arrangements that are unconstitutional and carry unequal terms at the expense of the Filipino people must be reviewed, renegotiated or outrightly abrogated. Domestic laws that embody such unequal terms must be amended or repealed.



NATIONAL INDUSTRIALIZATION

Carry out national industrialization as the lead factor of economic development and as the key to solving unemployment, poverty and underdevelopment.



HUMAN RIGHTS

Human rights must be respected in all aspects—political, civil, economic, social and cultural. Even under conditions of war, respect for such rights are required by International Humanitarian Law such as CARHIHL.



GENUINE LAND REFORM

Implement land reform as a matter democratic right and social justice, as the foundation of economic development and as a method of liberating the landless tillers, releasing capital, promoting rural development and creating a domestic market.



IMPROVE LIVELIHOOD

Improve the wage and living conditions of the workers, protect and promote all possible means of livelihood and raise the people's standard of living

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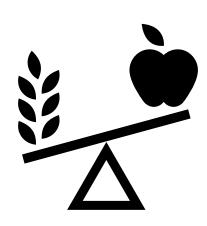
STOP PLUNDER & CORRUPTION

Stop plunder and all forms of graft and corruption and punish the perpetrators; end the pork barrel system and channel government funds to economic development, infrastructure development and expansion of social services.



PROGRESSIVE CULTURE

The national language, revolutionary history, and cultural heritage of the Filipino people must be cherished and propagated. Science and technology must be mustered for the socioeconomic, political and cultural progress of the people.



EXPAND SOCIAL SERVICES

Especially in education, health care, and housing. The government must make bigger outlays for the public schools, universities, & provide free education to the children of workers and peasants. It must do likewise for local public clinics, day care centers and hospitals.



ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY

Reassert our economic sovereignty and conserve our national patrimony.
Repudiate the neocolonial and neoliberal policies imposed on us to perpetuate economic underdevelopment & bind us to import-dependent consumption and sink us in perennial trade deficits and foreign indebtedness.



GENDER EQUALITY

Women & LGBTQIGNC must not be discriminated against, oppressed or exploited in any way due to gender or sexual orientation.

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PROTECT ENVIRONMENT

With economic and social development in their hands, the Filipino people can better utilize the natural resources and protect the environment. They cannot entrust to foreign monopoly corporations the exploitation of the natural resources and the protection of the environment.



REDUCE MILITARY COST

Military expenditures must be reduced in order to increase the public funds and other resources for economic development and social services. In this regard, the peace negotiations with the NDFP and the MILF must succeed in order to achieve the largest possible savings from military spending.



NATIONAL MINORITIES

Respect the rights of all national minorities to self-determination and development. They must decide for themselves what is to be done in their areas. No policy or action should be imposed on them.



RESUME PEACE TALKS

Resume the formal talks in the GPH-NDFP peace negotiations upon the reaffirmation of all existing agreements and the compliance with the JASIG and CARHRIHL, especially the release of political prisoners who are JASIG-protected.



INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

The Philippines must maintain a position of independence, cooperation and international solidarity with all countries in order to promote peace and development and avert or cope with economic and financial crises of global proportions and prevent wars of aggression.