

**2006 PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT FORUM**  
**Tentative Agenda for the Working Group On Fiscal And Economic Reforms**

| <b>March 30, 2006 – Thursday</b> |   |
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| 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.          | <b>Session II: Fiscal and Economic Reform</b>   |
| 11:00 to 11:05                   | <b>A. Introduction by Secretary Teves</b>   |
| 11:05 to 11:45                   | <b>B. Presentations by Government (10 mins each)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- [DOF/DBM on Medium Term Fiscal Consolidation Program]</li> <li>- BIR on Action Plan (Comm. Jojo Bunag)</li> <li>- BOC on Action Plan (Comm. Boy Morales)</li> <li>- DOE on Reform Program for the Power Sector (Usec. Mel Ocampo)</li> </ul>  |
| 11:45 to 12:05                   | <b>C. Comments by Lead Discussants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IMF (Reza Baqir)</li> <li>- WB (Vera Songwe)</li> </ul>   |
| 12:05 to 12:15                   | Break   |
| 12:15 to 1:45                    | <b>D. Discussion (Moderated by Romy Bernardo)</b> <p><b>Issue 1: Meeting the targets for 2006</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is front loading of expenditure a good idea?</li> <li>- Further tax relief measures planned for 2006?</li> <li>- What are the implications for the broader public sector balance?</li> <li>- Implications of non-passage of budget</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">→ <i>WG supports DOF targets for 2006 for NG and the public sector. Government commits to achieving these targets.</i></p> <p><b>Issue 2: Reforming BIR and BOC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do donor support the plans?</li> <li>- How can donors coordinate?</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">→ <i>Government commits to a comprehensive reform program for BIR and BOC, aimed not only at meeting revenue targets but also overhauling revenue administration. Donors pledge to support government efforts and commit to coordinate in provision of assistance.</i></p> <p><b>Issue 3: Put EVAT revenues to good use</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How can government show to the public that EVAT revenues are being put to good use?</li> <li>- How can key stakeholders ensure choice of programs is productive expenditure targeted to provide infrastructure and social services</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">→ <i>WG supports government efforts to transparently report on productive use of EVAT revenues</i></p> <p><b>Issue 4: Identifying revenue measures for 2007</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is it sufficient to rely on expectations of improved collections efficiency and interest rate savings for meeting the 2007 target fiscal target?</li> <li>- Can the fiscal incentives bill be strengthened in Congress?</li> <li>- What other revenue measures can be used.</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">→ <i>WG supports government efforts to identify high quality revenue measures (such as a significant strengthening of the legislation on fiscal incentives) in 2007 and beyond which could enable both deficit reduction and support primary expenditure on infrastructure and social services.</i></p> |
| 1:45 to 2:00                     | <b>Wrap-up: Summary to be Presented to Plenary (Secretary Teves)</b>  |

