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I condemn the attack against the convoy of Interim Chief Minister Abdulraof Macacua in the strongest terms possible. No dispute justifies an ambush. Whoever fired, and whatever motive investigators later name, the act itself is an assault on the civilians who share those roads and on the peaceful transition those civilians were promised.

The spirit that animates the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) and the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) represent the commitment to dialogue and democratic processes. We must not allow violence to undermine the progress that has been made.

With the first parliamentary election approaching, it is especially important that the Transition Period remain peaceful. Our leaders and, more importantly, candidates and voters alike must be able to move freely and participate in the democratic process of elections without fear for their life or limb.

We should allow the proper authorities to investigate, hold those responsible accountable, and prevent further violence. Beyond the investigation, we must remain committed to the larger goal: protecting the gains of the peace process and ensuring that first Bangsamoro Parliamentary Election will be peaceful, free and credible and the free choice of the Moro people be respected.



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