Excellency,

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honor to inform you that the Republic of the Philippines would like to present its candidature for membership in the United Nations Conference on Disarmament.

As an independent State, a member of the United Nations and fully committed to its Charter and the cause of international peace and security, the Philippines is convinced that it can make valuable contributions to international disarmament and arms control issues as well as complement the Philippines' active engagement in regional security matters.

The Republic of the Philippines hopes that its candidature will be favorably received.

I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to express to your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

To His Excellency
President of the United Nations Conference on Disarmament
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