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MS. KAROL ILAGAN

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Dear **Ms. Ilagan**,

This refers to your 07 February 2017 letter to the former Department of Foreign Affairs Secretary, requesting for copies of the investment and financing agreements signed during the visit of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to Beijing, China in October 2016, which was referred to this Department for appropriate actions by DFA's Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Since the listed agreements in the letter are business-to-business agreements, and this Department is not a signatory of the said documents, we therefore suggest that PCIJ directly request for copies of the agreements from their respective proponents/signatories.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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Cc: **Asec. Millicent Cruz-Paredes**
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