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Speech of Hon. Prospero Nograles Speaker of the House

Warm greetings to the delegates, guests, observers and other participants to the Third Global Congress of Women in Politics and Governance on October 19-22, 2008 in Makati City, Philippines.

Congratulations to the Center for Asia Pacific Women in Politics (CAPWIP) and the partners for organizing this biggest global conference of experts on gender and climate change.

The Congress theme: “*Gender in Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction*” is a timely call to address the growing problems of environment change, and underscore how women can participate, influence, and benefit from global and local responses to climate change.

We, in the House of Representatives can assure the CAPWIP of its full support in generating among our legislators more interest in gender responsive legislation and policies. We are one with CAPWIP in advancing the gender perspective in climate change and disaster risk reduction in our country.

We continue to advocate the gender-responsive legislation. Recently, we passed House Bill 4375, expanding the prohibitive acts of discrimination against women on account of sex, and House Bill 2811, penalizing ad agencies exploiting women and glorifying sexual violence. With the valuable new insights our legislators will gain from the Congress, we shall also endeavor to legislate of the high important global concern on climate change with gender perspective.

I wish you all the success in the gathering!