## COALITION AGAINST CORRUPTION STATEMENT ON THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

All public officials are accountable to the people. This is especially true for those occupying high positions. To ensure that the highest officials are accountable and worthy of the people's trust, the Constitution provides for an impeachment process.

In the case of Chief Justice Renato Corona, serious questions have been raised on whether or not he is morally fit in dispensing his duties as entrusted to him by the people. The chief justice has the right to defend himself before an impeachment court, but we must also respect the people's right to know the truth. Thus, we support efforts to disclose evidence that will help uncover the truth and discourage citing technicalities that will only delay the proceedings.

Each branch of government has been given authority to prevent any abuse or misuse of their privileges as part of the system of checks and balances. We appeal to our political leaders to make this system work in the interest justice.

In light of recent disclosures at the trial, we support the proposed amendments of R.A. 6426 (Foreign Currency Deposit Act) to discourage the use of foreign currency deposit accounts to hide ill-gotten wealth. We urge our legislators to act on this measure to further enhance transparency in the country.

To build trust in our institutions, we respectfully ask our senator-judges to be steadfast in their search for the truth and decide with wisdom in the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Corona. In the spirit of the EDSA People Power Revolution anniversary, we also encourage the public to remain vigilant and persistent in our clamor to hold public officials to the highest levels of ethical standards.

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