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### Commitment Statement on Environmental Sustainability in Cebu City

The City of Cebu is committed to enhance the standard of living for its people by achieving achievable levels of environmental quality and livability and being a vanguard of environmental stewardship, building shared responsibilities and cooperation with its neighboring cities in Metropolitan Cebu, the Philippines and the Asia Pacific Region.

As a distinct illustration of this commitment, by the year 2020, the City of Cebu will:

- Decrease waste generation by 50% and extend livelihood opportunities by promoting waste segregation at source and composting, targeting 20% levels by 2013, and 35% by 2016;
- Reduce by 50% the use of plastic bags and put forward the use of paper and canvass bags and other alternative containers;
- Of the remaining use of plastics, employ new, innovative, and environmentally acceptable, plastic recycling and reuse schemes, including to a greater extent possible, plastic to fuel technologies;
- Achieve an ambient air quality below the **National Ambient Air Quality Guideline Values** of Republic Act 8749, otherwise known as the Clean Air Act of the Philippines, adjusted wherever appropriate, with priority on urban and industrial areas;
- Achieve the water quality for four classes of rivers based on their beneficial uses and coastal waters with priority on urban and industrial areas;
- Implement new technologies and policies for energy efficiency and renewable energy resources not limited to utility operations;
- Adopt strategies to ensure the sustainability of the City's natural capital in the areas of forestry, mining, watersheds, parks and biodiversity;
- Impose environmental levies on goods and services for the purpose of managing the cost of environmental management.



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To accomplish the above goals, the City will take measures such as:

- Conduct baseline data gathering for continuous development planning and policy formulation, including more comprehensive waste characterization programs at source at at the disposal site;
- Promote stakeholders involvement on decision-making thus recognizing the contribution of all parties in the outcome;
- Enhance to an even higher degree, the involvement and collaboration of non-government organizations (NGO's) and their extensive network already existing in the city and maximize the contribution of civil society in environmental management and protection;
- Conduct media campaigns for environmental protection and conservation;
- Perform environmental awareness and education programs for schoolchildren;
- Promote community level training and participation of the informal sector;
- Provide sewage/wastewater treatment facilities to treat sewerage/wastewater and restore the water quality of rivers and other bodies of water;
- Implement strictly the local motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program;
- Promote marketing of recycled and compost products;
- Showcase pilot projects and replicate to other areas.

The plans above will be considerably facilitated if assistance through national and international cooperation is provided for:

- Access to relevant technical information;
- Participation in events where there are information and technology exchanges;
- Expert visits and advices;
- Training of community leaders and special interest groups;
- Access to applicable grants and funding institutions.

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