

SPEECH OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE DURING THE 7TH LGBT DAVAO'S YEAR-END GATHERING

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Kindly sit down. Thank you for the courtesy.

Let me make the acknowledgements: Davao City Mayor Inday Sarah Duterte-Carpio; Members of the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender community Malipayong pasko ka ninyong tanan. [applause]

Ang Ginoo na'ay salat sa ato, totoo yan. [laughter] God is not without form. And He has a good share the problems of mankind. I don't know how long ago, God created the planet earth. Tapos nakita nya bakante masyado... There's a lot of space in the planet, and He created paradise. And He saw paradise beautiful. Pero nakita nya walang tao, so He created Adam. Nakita nya si Adam, medyo malungkot, yun na nagkadisgraya na. I don't know what entered His mind, but He created woman.

Alam mo kulang eh. Dapat sana gumawa S'ya ng lalaki, gumawa S'ya ng babae, may kulang. Anong kulang N'ya? Dapat gumawa S'ya ng tomboy pati bayot, para wala tayong problema. Then sana there could never have been discrimination, bigotry, iyan 'yan eh. And it took so many centuries to correct. The only problem is there are some places in this world that continue to harass 'yang mga lesbian, 'yang mga gay and 'yung mga ibang lugar ngayon ikinukulong pa pati pinapatay.

So I'm... You know, sasakay ako ng helicopter, I was trying to figure out what I would say here. But there is the injustice which nobody can answer now. Dapat sana kinumpleto ng Panginoong Diyos kasi may naalangan na lalaki, may naalangan na babae. Eh ako gusto ko ring bisexual eh para masarap dito, masarap doon. [laughter] Eh hindi nangyari 'yan eh. But if you will recall, ever since I became mayor I have been very strict 'yang discrimination pati 'yang outright bigotry. As a matter of fact, we have the law. But long time ago I said, there will be no oppression against the all sectors of our society.

Ayaw ko kasi. Ayaw ko kasi 'yung dalawang brother-in-law ko bakla. Ako noong sa high school pa hindi ko alam kung maglalaki ako, 'pag magbabae. Eh parang gusto kong maging lalaki, gusto kong maging babae. Kaya lang sa Philippine Women's mas maganda talaga ang mga babae, marami doon eh. Kaya ako na-tempt. Kagaya kay...

Alam mo created paradise, man and a woman, kulang ng dalawa at gumawa pa siya ng ahas. Kaganda ng paradise eh mag-introduce ka pa ng ahas. Tapos tinawag niya 'yung ahas, kumuha siya ng --- nag-order siya ng apple galing China, sinasaksak sa

bunganga ng ahas, tapos inutusan 'yung ahas, "Go and tempt Eve to tempt Adam to know and feel malice." So from there we start, are we normal? Yes. Are you normal? Yes. Ang tomboy ba abnormal? No, of course, not. Why? Because we are all creations of God. [applause]

Ang nagkamali ang Diyos. And that is why in different places Australia, for example, they have made an open confession. You go into the cable news, about the abuses committed by priests. Kami man noon during the campaign sinabi ko sa inyo biktima rin kami, all. Basta nandiyan 'yung pari noon. I don't know to what extent or length they have corrected the problem. But parliament, ang gobyerno ng Australia is suggesting to the Catholic Church, allow the priests to marry.

Ako gusto ko same sex marriage. Ang problema we'll have to change the law. But we can change the law. [applause] Eh ang batas kasi marriage is a union between a man and a woman. I don't have any problems making it marrying a man, marrying a woman or whatever is the predilection of the human being. Kaya every Christmas noon, I have always invited you to share with me time, break bread with you atsaka sinasabi ko sa inyo ano ang stand ko.

Lahat naman. I have the time for the urban poor but I do not have the time now noong Presidente na ako. I invite the disabled, may isang gabi rin kami. Niya-yaya ko military pati mga pastor, priests, another night just to be inclusive in my dimension so that maintindihan ninyo ako. I have never, never, never oppressed anybody because of his race, religion. Talagang I just govern by the rule of fair play, equality. Hanggang diyan lang ako, because that is my only purpose in being a President.

Ngayon, we have so many things to still may discrimination but I think in the upper echelons, A, B, C, medyo okay na. They are already --- mga congressmen. I don't know about senators but definitely congressmen meron. Sa Cabinet ko, wala pang nagpakita ng... But I would be willing to accept all. Wala akong problema diyan.

Now find me the brightest dito sa Pilipinas ngayon kayong... Bigyan ninyo ako ng bright na tao. He might be gay, he might be lesbian. I'd like to nominate or appoint somebody upon the nomination. You nominate the representative from the LGBT sector [applause] kasi I fired the entire Commission of the Urban Poor, the head for traveling so much in so short a time, as if he was using the money of the people like his own.

So 'yang Commission na 'yan, bubuuin ko pa. I'd like a gay there somewhere or a lesbian. And mag-usap kayong lahat all over the Philippines 'yung... You nominate somebody who is honest, hardworking. And I would like to show that any, any ma-bakla man o ma-tomboy can --- well, can always work just like an ordinary human being. [applause]

Gusto kong ipakita and kindly do it --- I'll give you until the second week of January to nominate... I'm sure you know. Kayo-kayong mga o ating community na LGB --- alam natin kung sino. Just a matter of asking. Just give me an honest --- that's not the

number one. That is a condition *sine qua non*. Then a bright, honest, bright, gusto ko na representative sa --- para ma-highlight ang trabaho ng isang bakla o ng tomboy. [applause]

I fired the entire commission. So ganito 'yan. I'm working hard. I will not be President for too long. In about four years... Ito ang maasahan ninyo and this I commit to you. 'Yung tumakbo ako alam ninyo, I just made four fundamental promises. And even during the presidential debate, I was the first to really salita, maiksi, because you know I am a realist. I do not promise heaven and earth to anybody. Hindi kaya eh.

But I promise to stop graft and corruption. I will stop it. I am doing it. [applause]

Sinabi ko the second is the scourge of the Filipino --- sinabi ko I will stop or at least minimize drugs in this country. Ginagawa ko 'yan. Irrespective kung sinong... Nagkakaroon na nga ng kaso sa human rights. But I said to you when I was mayor and I reiterated the statement when I became President, I told you not to destroy my country [applause] and do not destroy the young of this nation, kasi 'pag ginawa mo 'yan, papatayin talaga kita. Ah patay nga, eh sinabi na sa inyo eh.

Then I'm talking to the Communist Party of the Philippines. Ayaw nila, gusto nila to share the power. You know, sovereignty is what is really the meat of a Republic. It is where I get the power representing the people. But in this country, the requirement of the Constitution is you must be chosen by the people. You cannot partake of that cake called sovereignty unless you are the choice of the people. Hindi namin mai-share 'yan and we were having talks sa labas noong sino... I was reading the results of the workshops, their communications and their positions at the simple arithmetic, it sums up like a --- they want a coalition government. Sabi ko, "Hindi pwede 'yan. I cannot give to you what I do not own." The Constitution says a sovereign power, he might be son of a b**** but the sovereign power is always given to the choice of the people. Wala tayong magawa maski na pinaka t*****, eh election eh. That is required by the Constitution.

So dito naman, tayo sa Mindanao, intindihin niyo 'to ha, very short. There is the MNLF and there is the MILF. These are the two organization opting to remain cooperative with us para maka-bwelo ang Mindanao without a bloody revolution. They just want areglo. Now, pray hard kay nandito tayo sa Mindanao. But I am telling you now, 'pag hindi ito -- - walang resolution dito, there will be a revolution. And nobody but nobody can stop that, not even I. Ang problema dito, kalaban nila 'yung mga terorismo now. Kasali sila sa gobyerno in enforcing order in some parts of Mindanao. But 'pag hindi kayo nagkaintindihan, walang resolution and they would declare war against the government, everybody will come in.

A declaration of war will open the floodgates para pumasok ang terorismo. You know why? In war, your enemy is my friend. So pagka ganun pasok na lahat. They will get the cooperation of anybody and everybody who is opposed against government, including the ISIS. Kaya medyo ano tayo diyan --- careful.

I do not want to talk to the communists anymore. I have been receiving reports kayong mga komunista, you're roaming around everywhere and some of you, I have some reports from anywhere, you are into molesting or sexually abusing 'yung mga tao sa bukid. Hinihipo ninyo 'yung mga babae at 'yung iba, ninanakaw ninyo ang asawa. Is that the kind of revolution? We have been fighting for 50 years.

I'm addressing myself to the NPAs. If you want to fight another 50 years, so be it. Hindi ko talaga ma --- kalokohan na ganun. And there's another disturbing...

There are some tribes in Mindanao and maybe in Visayas and Luzon, this practice of buying children. Huminto kayo diyan or else I will treat you just like a drug lord. I'm not saying anything beyond that statement. But slavery must stop. I cannot imagine of a human being growing up in a family na hindi niya alam na hindi talaga siya taga roon. Marami sa Davao ang kini-kidnap. I will take a strong stand against this. I will not tolerate it. I said, kayong mga kidnappers 'pag nahuli ko kayo I will treat you just like a drug lord. Beyond that, you make your own guess.

Hindi ko talaga kaya 'yung pu... Huwag kayong pumasok diyan. Just like drugs. Just imagine mag-kidnap ka diyan ng isang bata, ipabili mo doon sa ibang lugar and this woman will grow up believing na talagang slave siya. And when she reaches puberty, during the menstrual period, after that she is ready for sexual abuse by the owner of the house, by the --- mga lalaki, at 'yung mga pinsan-pinsan pagtulungan ang isang tao na hindi niya alam na kinidnap lang pala siya. At she has to suffer and condemned to slavery for all of her life enduring pain and suffering.

Those are the things that are not acceptable to me. I will not tolerate it. You stop because 'pag malaman ko, I will pursue you to the ends of the world. And maybe just maybe, tatapusin ko ang problema para sa lahat. So 'yan lang ang sinasabi ko. It's not a big deal but I... [applause] I cannot accept it.

So I want to enjoy the evening with you. Gusto ko because historically nandiyan talaga ako buong gabi. Problem is I have to go to Gen San because I was invited by Pacquiao to share the evening with him because birthday niya. Then I have to go to Manila because I have to fly to the places where dumaan 'yung typhoon. There's so much destruction there. There are places na-cut 'yung bridge. And I would like to see for myself what government can do better than what they are --- these guys there are doing now. [applause]

So let me just say thank you for the celebration and you have my guarantee that everybody, at least during my term, will be protected and nurtured as a human being. [applause] There will be no oppression and we will recognize your importance in society. I said I am for sex marriage. If that is the trend of the modern times, if that will add to your happiness, I am for it.

Who am I? You know, kung ano 'yung kaligayahan ng tao, ibigay ko. Bakit mo pigilan? Why impose a morality that is no longer working and almost passé, bahaw na? So I am

with you. And just let me you know, you have your Mayor, si Inday. And we'll try to solve the things that we want to have during my term. But you can be rest assured that in simple two sentences my oath of office says that I swore and I swear now that my job is to protect the people and to preserve the nation called the Republic of the Philippines.

Maraming salamat po. [applause]

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