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I wish United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, a very dear friend to the Philippines, a speedy recovery and complete restoration of her health and well-being. Having worked with her both bilaterally and in various regional and global fora, I have seen firsthand her dedication to duty and her boundless energy, especially when advocating issues closest to her heart. I am optimistic that she will be back to her normal routine in a few days, ready once again to engage with US allies and friends and the rest of the world which her leadership touches. My family and I join her family and friends in praying for her early recovery. END