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## **FILIPINO CHILDREN'S ART DISPLAYED AT UNITED NATIONS IN GENEVA**

27 March 2007 – Philippine Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva Ambassador Enrique A. Manalo reported to the Department of Foreign Affairs that the Philippine Mission co-sponsored the opening of an exhibit of children's silhouette art on 14 March 2007 at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva during the fourth session of the Human Rights Council.

Ambassador Manalo opened the exhibit together with Ambassadors of the four other co-sponsor countries, namely, Senegal, Peru, France and Switzerland.

The artwork of children from all over the world features bright and colorful collages of children's figures, bearing the artists' messages on their aspirations in life. Delegates are greeted by the cheerful artworks, including those crafted by Filipino children, as they enter the Serpentine Bar in the United Nations where people habitually congregate for breaks in between sessions.

Armina Salon, 8-year old Filipino child artist, has this message tucked into the heart of her silhouette figure: *"Ang pangarap ko sa mundo ay umunlad pa ito. Sana rin mabuhay ang aming pamilya ng payapa at magkaroon na sana kami ng sariling bahay. Gusto ko rin na magkaroon na ng katahimikan sa buong mundo, kung saan wala nang away. Magkapantay na sana ang mayaman at mahirap at sana ay maging malinis ang kapaligiran."*

The children's silhouette art exhibit is organized by the NGO ATD *Quart Monde* (Fourth World) with the collaboration of *Museo Pambata* in Manila, on the occasion of two special events – on the rights of children and of persons with disabilities – being marked by the fourth session of the Human Rights Council. The session runs from 12 to 30 March 2007.  
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