



**HUDCC RESOLUTION NO. 1**  
**Series of 2012**

**MORATORIUM ON PAYMENT OF MONTHLY AMORTIZATIONS  
AND/OR LEASE OF VICTIMS OF NATURAL CALAMITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the "World Risk Report 2011" of the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Safety revealed that the Philippines is the third most vulnerable country in the world to natural disasters;

**WHEREAS**, the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction reports that a total of 33 natural disasters ravaged various parts of the country in 2011 that resulted in the death of thousands of people and the destruction of millions of pesos worth of agricultural produce, infrastructure projects, and properties;

**WHEREAS**, in the immediate aftermath of a natural disaster, the housing sector is often confronted with the critical need to provide emergency assistance to victims who are also housing loan borrowers/lessee-beneficiaries of KSAs;

**WHEREAS**, emergency assistance from the Key Shelter Agencies (KSAs) should be congruent with the government's integrated framework for disaster risk reduction and management enshrined in Republic Act (RA) No. 10121 (Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act) and the Strategic National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction (SNAP) crafted in 2010;

**WHEREAS**, in order to avert the accumulation of the victims' amortizations and to ease their economic difficulties, all KSAs should provide emergency assistance to disaster-affected loan borrowers/lessees in the form of a grant of moratorium on payments of their monthly amortizations/lease payments.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that a moratorium on payments of monthly amortizations/rental fees on housing loans/leases of calamity victims shall be immediately imposed following the occurrence of a calamity, subject to the ratification of the KSAs' respective Boards of Directors/Trustees at their next Board meeting.



**RESOLVED, FURTHER, THAT** the Moratorium shall apply only to loan borrowers/lessees living in calamity-affected areas, which are under an official declaration of a "state of calamity," as defined in R.A. 10121<sup>1</sup>.

**RESOLVED, FINALLY, THAT** the Secretariat of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council shall craft guidelines on the grant of this moratorium on amortizations/lease payments to calamity victims.

**APPROVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2012, at Pasay City, Philippines.

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<sup>1</sup> R.A. 10121 defines a "state of calamity" as "a condition involving mass casualty and/or major damages to property, disruption of means of livelihoods, roads and normal way of life of people in the affected areas as a result of the occurrence of natural or human-induced hazard."