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Due to rapid population growth, increasing food requirements, and prolonged pattern of overconsumption and overproduction, lands are being converted and degraded at unsustainable rates.

On the observance of the **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought**, therefore, the Climate Change Commission conveys the urgent need to change our consumption patterns and to enact policies for protecting our land and responding to the climate emergency.

We encourage also the public to cut food wastes, to shift to plant-based foods, to switch to locally and ethically sourced goods, and to make informed choices toward a sustainable lifestyle.

Moreover, we call on the private business sector to ensure resource efficiency, to establish sustainable supply chains, and to adopt sustainable land use and land management practices.

Finally, we reiterate the call of the President for Congress to urgently pass the National Land Use Act which shall ensure the sustainable and efficient use of the country's land and physical resources.

Together, let us work toward ensuring a healthy and livable land for the generations of Filipinos today and tomorrow.

A blue handwritten signature of Emmanuel M. de Guzman.

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