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The years 2021 to 2030 were proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly as the **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration**, a global movement that aims to inspire and support governments, non-government organizations, civil society, and the private business sector to converge efforts and resources to prevent, halt, and reverse ecosystem degradation worldwide.

Deemed as the most important decade of the century, the next ten years will not only be a defining period for scaling up existing ecosystem restoration efforts. It will also be a critical juncture in addressing the prevailing climate emergency and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Fortunately, ecosystem restoration is a winning investment to build back better and more sustainably from the Covid-19 pandemic and to keep climate change within relatively safe limits.

To this end, the Climate Change Commission renews its commitment to work with various stakeholders in raising awareness and building capacity for restoration and conservation activities, ensuring a participatory approach to designing and implementing ecological restoration strategies, and advocating for policies and frameworks for restoring and maintaining national forests and grasslands.

With a shared commitment and strong resolve to fight against ecosystem degradation and climate change, the Filipino nation will take and tread the better development pathway and thrive in the better normal for a better and brighter future for all.

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