

## Associazione Nazionale Giuristi Democratici

The Italian democratic lawyers greet the Filipino colleagues of NUPL, engaged since a long time in a relentless struggle in favour of rule of law and the rights of the oppressed, against the exploiter and their executioners.

We look with great admiration at NUPL and at all Filipino lawyers, practitioners and judges, nowadays subject to the intense repression of the Duterte regime. We ask justice for all victims of this repression and immediate liberation for all the unjustly arrested and imprisoned.

Unfortunately, due to the intense work we are performing on various issues and to the lack of financial means, we won't be able to send a delegation to Your congress. But You are always in our heart and we will certainly find the best ways to follow our common fruitful work in the next months and years, through bilateral contacts and inside the international organization in which we work together. The complex and difficult situation of general crisis in the i.a. economic, political, social, environmental and cultural fields requires no doubt a stepping-up of the cooperation among all democratic lawyers of every country and region.

I send to You, therefore, the message of militant solidarity and wishes of good work of all Italian democratic lawyers.

Fabio Marcelli, in charge for European and international relations

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