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**STATEMENT OF H.E. GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO
ON THE PENINSULA STANDOFF
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MANILA – I commend the law enforcement authorities supported by AFP elements for resolving the Makati standoff with efficiency and dispatch. I direct that all residual threats, if any, be mopped up to fully restore law and order.

There should be no doubt about the rule of law in this country, and the capability of Government to enforce right over wrong.

The isolated, wrongful acts of a few speak neither of the people's sentiments nor those in the uniformed services. They shall be dealt with firmly and uncompromisingly as in the past.

The trial of all mutinous soldiers shall be pursued to their logical end. Additional charges, as appropriate, shall be prepared to let those responsible account for their criminal act. The AFP chain of command is undiminished; and our soldiers and police continue their heroic and compassionate throughout the country. I bear faith in the uniform to uphold legitimate governance and the flag.

To one and all, let us leave this short charade behind and get on with the business of the people. Our fight against poverty and justice must be uninterrupted.

Time and again, we have shown the world the stability of our democratic institutions and the strength of this government. Our strong republic is underlaine by a strong economy that has the full support of the Filipino people. – END -