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## **CONSENSUS OF THE BROAD UNITED FRONT**

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A consensus exists within the broad united front of the Left, Middle and anti-Estrada Right to undertake peaceful, massive and militant protest actions nationwide which shall culminate in the sustained encirclement of the presidential palace by at least one million people until Mr. Estrada resigns.

The National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) has made public assurances that the New People's Army shall not deploy any armed units in the urban areas but shall intensify tactical offensives in the countryside.

The Federation of Retired Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Soldiers (FORCES) has called on active military and police personnel to respect the people's democratic right to assemble and to assist Mr. Estrada to resign.

With the NPA committed to staying in the countryside and the majority of active military and police officers of the reactionary government likewise committed to respecting the people's right to assemble, the people can in the near future take the following converging actions for the purpose of encircling the presidential palace:

1. They can assemble at public parks and churches and then march to the churches close to the palace.
2. Students in the schools near the palace can pour into every street leading to the palace.

3. Long marches and caravans from the provinces can bring more people to augment the residents of the national capital region.

Without having to undertake a coup to seize power for themselves, the active military and police officers can act in concert with the people and assist Mr. Estrada to resign by arresting the most rabid loyalists of Mr. Estrada in the military and police who are liable for criminal offenses and thereby persuade Estrada to resign.

The broad united front for the removal of Estrada from power extends to the retired and active military and police personnel who respect the democratic rights and support the mass actions of the people and pave the way for a new civilian administration as in 1986. #

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