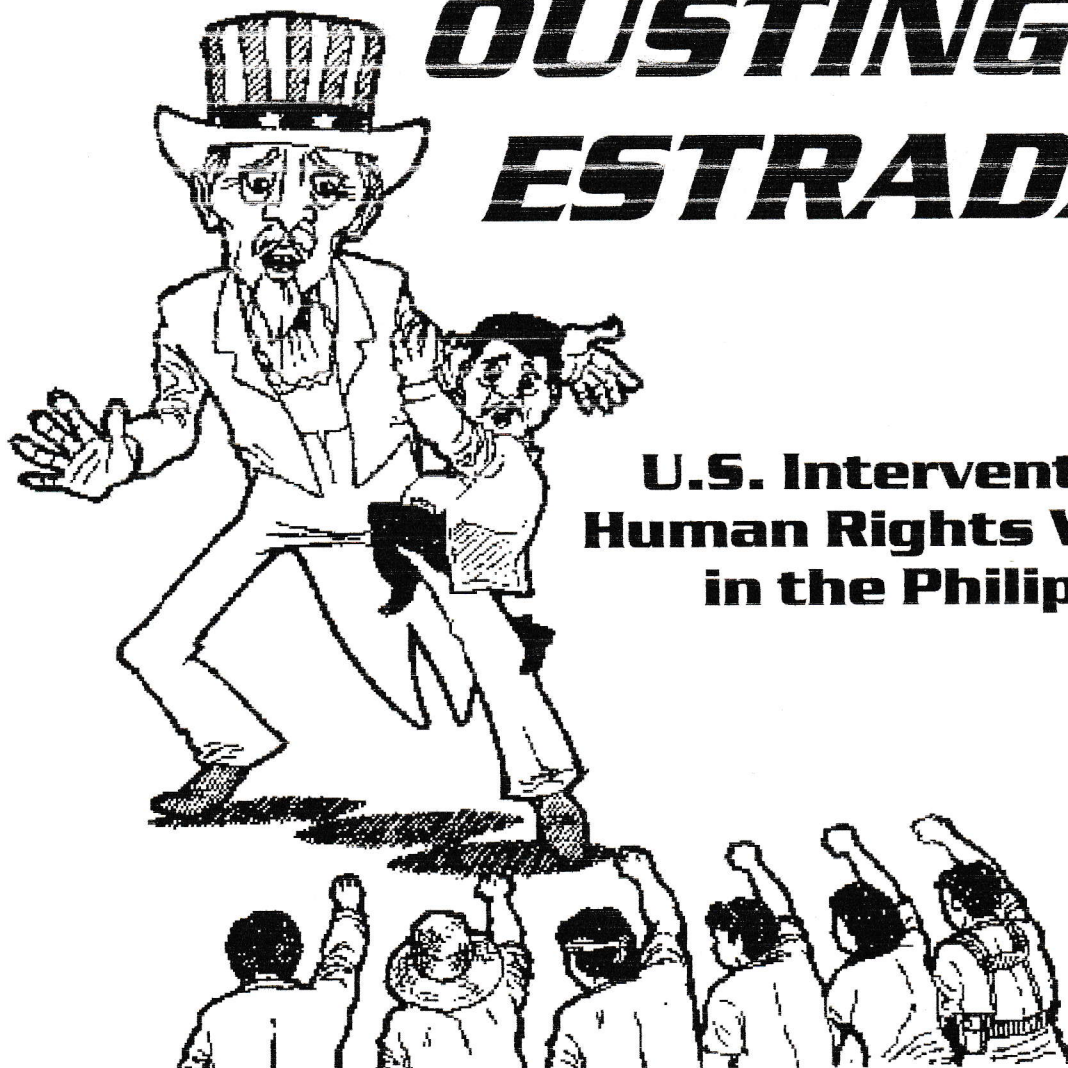


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# ***DUSTING ESTRADA***



**U.S. Intervention and  
Human Rights Violations  
in the Philippines**

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**Presented by:** Philippine Solidarity Group-Toronto (PSG-TO), Purple Rose Campaign Committee, UKPC-Toronto (Pilipino Youth Network), ATBP... (Pilipino Queer Association), Migrante Women's Collective, Philippine Network for Justice and Peace, PROFOUND, Barangay Parkdale Organizing Group  
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## **Declaration of Unity of the Movement Overseas to Oust Estrada!**

We, members of progressive organizations and individuals abroad, composed of Filipinos and of various nationalities are one in the call for the Estrada government to resign.

The Estrada administration does not reflect the interests of the Filipino people. In just two years in office, he has tainted the Philippine presidency with gross immorality, cronyism, and blatant profiteering from gambling, illegal and otherwise. Estrada has packed his government with cronies composed of gambling lords, drug lords, and big business out to extract the utmost financial gain while Estrada is in office. All these at the expense of the Filipino people and the nation.

While Estrada rhetorically espouses good and clean government, he is dipping into illegal gambling and has profited millions of pesos as exposed by Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson;

While he promised to build low-cost housing for the masses that are actually dilapidated and unfit for human abode, he purchased lots and built multi-million mansions in posh villages for his mistresses;

While he mouths the upliftment of the economic lot of the Filipinos, he allows the local oil cartel to wantonly increase the prices of petroleum products that results to poverty for a large majority of Filipinos; he staves off any substantial wage increase for toiling workers and salary hikes for over-worked government employees, teachers and health workers.

While he mouths protection and security for millions of overseas Filipinos, thousands of them are sent home in coffins yearly, thousands more are bruised physically and psychologically due to abuses from their employers.

He has also systematically increased the collection of fees from overseas Filipinos in the guise of "services."

Indeed, while the regime of Estrada flaunts without shame its gross irregularities and the unexplained wealth of his several families, the Filipino people are pushed more deeply into the quagmire of poverty. The livelihood of the Filipinos lay in shambles as vultures in the Estrada government - his families, cronies, drug lords and gambling lords - partake in government coffers and profit from kickbacks and unscrupulous business and state deals.

The economy is fast crumbling not only as a result of a decrepit social and economic structure but is hastened and aggravated by the political crisis engulfing the Estrada administration.

No amount of refurbishing can save the Estrada administration from eventual collapse.

The Filipinos are better off without the likes of Estrada. In fact, the Filipino people are far better without a decrepit social system that perpetuates poverty, exploitation and oppression, and degradation of a large majority of the population.

What is imperative is to oust the Estrada government and establish a Council for National Unity and Renewal that shall be composed of all sectors and groups who contributed to the ouster of the Estrada government, and shall suggest the successor of Estrada.

Indeed, the Estrada government is out and out anti-people and serves only the likes of Atong Ang, Lucio Tan, Danding Cojuangco, the Marcoses, the local oil cartel, and of US imperialism. As such, it must be ousted by the concerted efforts of the Filipino people.

Oust the US-Estrada regime!  
Establish the Council for National Unity and Renewal!  
Onward with the struggle for national freedom and democracy!

October 28, 2000

**INITIAL LIST OF SIGNATORIES IN CANADA OF THE MOVEMENT OVERSEAS TO OUST ESTRADA!**

*Toronto*

1. ATBP... [Filipino Queer Association]
2. Barangay Parkdale Organizing Group
3. Migrante Women's Collective
4. Philippine Network for Justice and Peace (PNJP)
6. Philippine Solidarity Group
7. Progressive Filipinos Overseas United for National Democracy (PROFOUND)
8. Purple Rose Campaign Committee
9. Ugnayan ng Kabataang Pilipino sa Canada (UKPC-Toronto)

*Vancouver*

1. B.C. Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines
2. Filipino Nurses Support Group
3. Philippine Women Centre of B.C.
4. SIKLAB (Filipino migrant workers' organization)
5. Ugnayan ng Kabataang Pilipino sa Canada (Filipino-Canadian Youth Alliance)

*Winnipeg*

1. KAMPI - Movement of Filipino Workers in Manitoba

*Montreal*

1. Filipino Homemakers Association
2. Filipino Workers Support Group
3. Montreal Coalition of Filipino Students
4. Movement of Filipino Workers
5. PINAY-Filipino Women's Organization
6. Centre for Philippine Concerns-Montreal

*Individuals*

1. Nancy Hayale - Canada

List as of 5 November 2000