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Alliance for the Family Foundation (ALFI) To Meet with Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Insists on Due Process Ordered by Supreme Court

Alliance for the Family Foundation Philippines (ALFI) will meet with representatives of the Food and Drug Administration at its central office in Alabang, Muntinlupa City, Monday, September 25, 10 to 11 a.m., to present evidence pursuant to a notice from FDA received by ALFI only late last Friday afternoon, September 22, 2017.

According to the FDA, this is a step in the recertification process for contraceptives ordered by the Supreme Court in June, 2015. ALFI is prepared to present additional medical and scientific evidence that hormonal and intrauterine contraceptives are abortifacients, after rules of procedure have been set and published by the FDA, which it has not yet done.

Retired Supreme Court Justice Roberto Abad will join ALFI President Atty. Maria Concepcion Noche and Dr. Leah Anne Zamora in the meeting. Senator Tito Sotto and Congressman Lito Atienza are sending representatives as observers to indicate their concern about the conduct of the recertification proceedings.

ALFI will insist that the requirements of due process, including the requirement of transparency, be fully observed in the recertification procedure, as mandated by the Supreme Court in its Decisions which have become final and executory. These decisions resulted directly from the failure of the FDA to comply with due process in issuing certifications for the sale and distribution of contraceptives. Up to today, it still has not done so.

The lives of many thousands of Filipino children are at stake in these proceedings.

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