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**Prime Minister Jan Fischer conveys his condolences to President Arroyo
The Czech government provides Euro 100.000 in emergency humanitarian aid to
Ondoy victims. Czech companies join in this effort.**

The Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Jan Fischer, has conveyed his condolences to H.E. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Philippines, in connection with the disaster wrought upon the Philippines by the tropical storm “Ondoy”, in a telegram dated September 29. The text of the telegram reads as follows:

Prague, September 29, 2009

Excellency,

I would like to convey to you my deepest condolences in relation to the natural disaster caused by the intense rains and tropical storm Ondoy/Ketsana in the Philippines. I was deeply struck by the tragic news of the numerous human casualties in your country, which I visited only recently.

I feel for you and your people in this challenging moment. We have a first hand painful experience with destructive floods in the Czech Republic and we know how difficult the recovery process is. We would therefore like to contribute the sum of Euro 100.000 towards this effort. We earnestly hope that this contribution will help you overcome the consequences of this devastating event.

Yours sincerely

Jan Fischer

Furthermore, the Czech Government has decided to provide Euro 100.000 in emergency humanitarian aid for the victims of the tropical storm “Ondoy”, which has wrought havoc over Central Luzon on September 26. The funds will be placed at the

disposal of the Philippine National Red Cross. The main purpose of the aid is to provide urgently needed food and sanitary products for the victims of the disaster.

The Czech Government with this measure wishes to contribute to the overall effort to relieve the distress of the victims of Tropical Storm Ondoy. The Czech company Enviros, involved with the Czech development aid in RP, joined the government efforts in raising further funds for Ondoy victims.