

## TWG MEETING BY COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY FOR 17TH CONGRESS

Monday, 16 January 2017

On 16 Jan. 2017, the Committee on Ecology under the Chairmanship of Cong. Estrellita Suansing called a Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting at the Villar Hall, South Wing Annex of the House of Rep. to discuss the proposed PLASTIC PRODUCTS REGULATION ACT. Among those present were former Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo who was very insistent in passing the said Act within this 17th Congress together with Rep. Suansing. They proposed to have Supermarket Operators act as collectors (with segregated collection bins) for all types of plastic products (i.e., old wash basins and drums included) as brought to them by the buying public to which STC objected and retorted that limit these to plastic bags and we have a deal. After all, that is PAGASA's Position on the collection of used plastic bags to aid recyclers by providing them the correct plastics to recycle (into plastic bags again). This scheme has already been adopted by the QC Government and has been put in place the last few years with good results.

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