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### **DFA Advises Filipinos in US Northeast to Observe Precautions Ahead of Snowstorm**

03 January 2018, New York – The DFA advised Filipinos residing or visiting in the US Northeast region to observe safety precautions ahead of a bomb cyclone or strong snowstorm expected to affect the area, most notably New England states, on Thursday 4 January 2018.

The bomb cyclone caused by a meteorological phenomenon called a “bombogenesis” - an area of rapidly declining low pressure – is expected to bring hurricane-force winter winds and 6 to 12 inches of snow in New England and 3 to 6 inches in the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut areas.

Most of the US is already battling arctic weather conditions since late December while parts of usually warmer regions like the Southeast are experiencing historic low temperature ranges, freezing rain, and snow.

“Our kababayans are advised to observe the necessary precautions, avoid non-essential travel, and have emergency contact numbers ready during situations such as the extreme weather conditions being experienced in the US, “Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Cayetano said.

Philippine Consul General in New York Theresa Dizon-De Vega reported that the Consulate has issued an Advisory to the Filipino Community in the Northeast Region and likewise alerted the Filipino Community volunteers under the Consulate General’s Warden System to monitor weather conditions and to report any emergencies to the Consulate. END