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**Ambassador and Mrs. Jose and Vicky Cuisia, 5th & 6th from left, were honored in a dinner hosted by Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the UN Archbishop Bernardito Auza at the latter's residence in Manhattan. The Archbishop is showing his guests the simple twin bed where Pope Francis slept when he was in New York last January. In photo, L-R, are Roger Santos and wife Josie, Joe Ramos, Archbishop Auza, Mrs. Vicki Cuisia, Ambassador Cuisia, Bobby Ecarma and Margaret Lacson-Ecarma, partially hidden.**

The Philippine Government, embracing the stipulations arrived at in Paris by more than 200 countries late last year in the UN Conference on Climate Change, signed the formal agreement in New York last week.

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In a telephone interview with Commissioner Manny de Guzman of the Climate Change Commission, it was learned that Secretary Ramon Paje of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources signed the Agreement for the Philippines.

The atmosphere is growing warmer due to greenhouse gas emissions generated by human activity.

The aim of the Paris Conference that was held from Nov. 30 to Dec. 12, 2015 was to come up with a response to this problem, which is threatening to wipe out the human presence in certain parts of the world.

### **Keeping the rise in temperature below 2° C**

This agreement marks a change in direction, towards a new world.

It confirms the target of keeping the rise in temperature below 2° C.

Scientists believe that a greater increase in temperature would be very dangerous.

The agreement even establishes, for the first time, that we should be aiming for 1.5° C, to protect island states, which are the most threatened by the rise in sea levels, like the Philippines.

### **How can we manage to avoid global warming?**

By Dec. 12, 2015, 186 countries had published their action plan (further information); each of

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these plans sets out the way in which they intend to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

Last week, 175 countries, including the Philippines, signed the formal Agreement reached in Paris last year.