

PHILIPPINE COCONUT CHIEF TO LOBBY AGAINST EC TAX.By **Chaitanya Kalbag**, Reuters

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MANILA, June 1 - Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) chairman Jose Romero said he would visit Brussels later this month to lobby against a proposed 100 pct European Community (EC) levy on vegetable oil imports.

"I intend to visit Brussels and talk to whoever is putting up this devilish scheme to impoverish third world countries like the Philippines," Romero said in an interview.

He said he did not know how much support the levy had within the EC but he said he believed those originally opposed to the tax were under pressure to change their position.

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