EXPRESSING CONCURRENCE IN THE DEPUTIZATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUGUST 8, 2005 ELECTIONS IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 180, July 28, 2005

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Pursuant to Articles IX (C) Section 2(4) of the 1987 Constitution, I GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, do hereby concur with Resolution No. 7533 of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) dated 19 July 2005, deputizing, for the exclusive purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful, and credible conduct of the August 8, 2005 Elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) including the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) and the Philippine National Police (PNP).

National and Local officials and employees, law enforcement agencies and other instrumentalities of Government, including the AFP, NAPOLCOM and the PNP, are hereby directed to coordinate and cooperate with the COMELEC in the performance of their duties and functions.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 28th day of July in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL - ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) EDUARDO R ERMITA
Executive Secretary

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