JUMPSTARTING INITIATIVES IN EDUCATION, JOB TRAINING AND THE FIGHT AGAINST SMUGGLING

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WHEREAS, there is a need to jumpstart initiatives in education, job training and the fight against smuggling,

I, GLORIA M. ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Funds shall be sourced under the reenacted budget of:

- Five Hundred Million Pesos (P500,000,000.00) for rural investment and development initiatives;

- Five Hundred Million Pesos (P500,000,000.00) for English education and job training for urgently needed skills; and

- One Hundred Million Pesos (P100,000,000.00) for anti-smuggling efforts and gear, especially for:

a)

GPS tracking of trucks carrying to and from bonded warehouses;

b)

Intelligence gathering in some 100 private ports nationwide (now minimally watched by the Bureau of Customs);

c)

Monitoring and tagging of petroleum products; and

d)

Rewards for tips from here and abroad on contraband shipments.

DONE in the City of Manila on this 28th day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

(Sgd.) GLORIA M. ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary

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