

DIRECTING THE INCLUSION OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ON PEACE PROCESS (OPAPP) AS MEMBER OF THE EXPANDED NATIONAL ANTI-POVERTY COMMISSION (NAPC)

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 267, January 05, 2004

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WHEREAS, Republic Act NO. 8425, institutionalized the Social Reform and Poverty Alleviation Program, Creating for the Purpose the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC);

WHEREAS, by virtue of Republic Act NO. 8425, the NAPC is an embodiment of the partnership of the government and the basic sectors;

WHEREAS, the current composition of the NAPC membership among government agencies is limited to those provided in Section 6 of R.A. No. 8425, Executive Order No. 118 s. 2002 and NAPC En Banc Resolution No. 6 s. 2003;

WHEREAS, other national government agencies mandated to respond to issues of the basic sectors are not included in R.A. No. 8425 because they were either created after the passage of the law or were excluded because they were already performing coordinative and oversight functions;

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Office of the President Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) is important to the completion of the comprehensive peace agenda of the government and to monitor the effectiveness of reforms that directly and indirectly address the root causes of armed conflict; WHEREAS, in En Banc Resolution No. 8, dated October 30, 2003, NAPC resolved to submit to the President for approval, the inclusion of the OPAPP as an additional member of NAPC;

WHEREAS, NAPC is chaired by the President of the Republic of the Philippines, who has executive powers to effect continuing re-organization within the government structure for effective and efficient implementation of poverty reduction strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Expanded Membership - The Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process shall be included as a regular member of the NAPC.

SEC 2. Powers and Functions - The member agencies of the expanded NAPC shall exercise powers and function as provided in Republic Act No. 8425

SEC 3. Repealing Clause— All executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC 4. Separability Clause - If any provision of this Executive Order is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof, which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC 5. Effectivity – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately. City of Manila, January 5, 2004

(SGD.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Executive Secretary

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