

PROVIDING FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO IN THE FORMULATION OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES, PLANS AND PROGRAMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 2 and 3, Chapter 1, Subtitle C, Title II, Book V of the Administrative Code of 1987, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) serves as the independent planning agency of the Government and is primarily responsible for formulating continuing, coordinated and fully integrated social and economic policies, plans and programs;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5, Article IV of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9054, the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) shall, as far as practicable, be represented in the departments, offices, commissions, agencies and bureaus of the central government or national government that implement and enforce policies, programs and projects of the central government of national government in the region;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Memorandum Circular No. 7 dated August 11, 1998, the NEDA was directed to coordinate the preparation of the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP), 1999-2004, which shall be formulated in close collaboration and consultation with other agencies of the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, the local government units and the private/non-government sectors;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10, Article XII of R.A. No. 9054, a Regional Economic and Development Planning Board (REDPB) was created to serve as the planning, monitoring, and coordinating agency for all development plans, projects, and programs intended for the ARMM, and which shall formulate a master plan for a systematic, progressive, and total development of the region, taking into account the development plans of the province, city, municipality, and barangay concerned as mandated by the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. No. 7160).

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. *Representation in the NEDA.* – The ARMM Regional Governor shall be invited to attend the meetings of the NEDA Board. The ARMM



Regional Governor shall likewise be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee on Social Development and the Committee on Infrastructure of the NEDA.

Sec. 2. *Consultation with the REDPB.* – The Autonomous Regional Government, through the REDPB, shall actively participate in the formulation of the MTPDP to ensure that the development thrusts and priorities of the ARMM are reflected therein.

Sec. 3. *Regional Development.* – In accordance with Executive Order No. 463 dated May 17, 1991, the REDPB shall serve as the Regional Development Council for the ARMM and the Regional Governor shall participate in all meetings of the Regional Development Council Chairmen with the President.

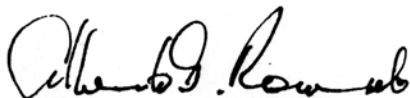
Sec. 4. *Funding.* – Funds necessary for the REDPB operations, project monitoring and evaluation, and implementation of special projects shall be included in the annual general appropriations bill submitted to Congress

Sec. 5. *Assistance.* – The NEDA Secretariat, upon request of the Autonomous Regional Government, shall provide development planning assistance in the formulation of the master development plan of the ARMM.

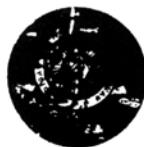
Sec. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Executive Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation and one (1) local newspaper of general circulation in the ARMM.

DONE, in the City of Manila this 17TH of MAY in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and three.

By the President:



ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary



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