

[**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 172, March 23, 2007**]

CREATING THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL INTEGRATION (NCSI), PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Government pursues a comprehensive peace process agenda that calls for a principled negotiated settlement with, all armed rebel groups under the Rule of Law and in accordance with the Constitutional processes;

WHEREAS, social integration, which is the process involving the management of forces, arms and ammunitions of former rebels and their transition to civilian life, is considered an integral part of the peace process and post-conflict security reform, and as essential confidence-building and peace building measure;

WHEREAS, social integration requires the convergence of efforts between and among non-government agencies (NGAs), local government units (LGUs) and other stakeholders;

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:

Sec. 1. Creation. There is hereby created the National Committee on Social Integration (NCSI) under the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) to implement the Social Integration Program (SIP) for rebel groups.

Sec. 2. Functions. NCSI shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. To provide over-all policy direction, as well as to manage, coordinate, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the SIP, including the amnesty program;
- b. To update the policy framework and guidelines as appropriate or as the need arises;
- c. To tap funding/donor agencies, both domestic and international, for technical assistance and financial support for the SIP;

Sec. 3. Composition. NCSI shall be headed by an Undersecretary of OPAPP, and shall be composed of representatives of the following government departments/agencies as members;

- a. Office of the National Security Adviser
- b. Department of National Defense