

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 176, May 11, 2007 ]**

**CREATION OF AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE  
CONDONATION OF AGRARIAN REFORM LAND AMORTIZATION  
LIABILITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 4 of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to undertake, by law, an agrarian reform program founded on the right of farmers and regular farmworkers who are landless to own directly or collectively the lands they till or, in the case of other farmworkers, to receive a just share of the fruits thereof;

WHEREAS, Republic Act. No. (RA) 6557 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Land Reform Law of 1988, was enacted to institute the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) to promote social justice and move the nation toward sound rural development and industrialization;

WHEREAS, Section 26 of RA 6557 provides that lands awarded through CARP shall be paid for by the beneficiaries of the Land Bank of the Philippines in thirty (30) annual amortizations at six percent (6%) per annum;

WHEREAS, there is a need to review the possibility of condoning outstanding land amortization liabilities of agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs);

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. Creation of the Inter-Agency Task Force. – An Inter-Agency Task Force is hereby created to review the possibility of condoning outstanding land amortization liabilities of ARBs:

Chairman : Secretary of Agrarian Reform  
Members : Secretary of Justice  
Secretary of Finance  
Representative from the Land Bank of the Philippines  
Representative from the Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Association

The Department of Agrarian Reform shall serve as Secretariat for the Inter-Agency Task Force.

SECTION 2. Functions of the Inter-Agency Task Force. – The Inter-Agency Task Force shall perform the following functions:

- a. Evaluate and recommend reforms in the existing agrarian reform models; and
- b. Evaluate the proposed condonation of outstanding amortization liabilities of ARBs to effect genuine land redistribution.