

[ **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 211, November 26, 2007** ]

**CREATING A TASK FORCE AGAINST POLITICAL VIOLENCE**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State to maintain peace and order, protect life, liberty, and property, and promote common welfare as essentials for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;

**WHEREAS**, the State recognizes that the attainment of a just, comprehensive and lasting peace under the rule of law is the foundation of economic development and national prosperity;

**WHEREAS**, with the recent incidents of violence in the country, political violence has become a fundamental moral and governance challenge;

**WHEREAS**, this administration; pursuant to its constitutional and international obligations, condemns all forms of violence, particularly when perpetrated for political gains and goals, destabilization, abuse of power and other political excesses;

**WHEREAS**, the constitutional guarantee of full respect for human rights by the State cannot be fully attained without the cooperation of all sectors of society;

**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 and Mandate of the Task Force Against Political Violence (TFAPV).* **A Task Force Against Political Violence** (hereinafter "Task Force") is hereby created to harness and mobilize government agencies, political groups, the religious, civil society and sectoral organizations and the public for the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of political violence, and the promotion of a culture opposed to violence and for advancement of reconciliation and peace.

**Sec. 2.** *Composition.* The Task Force shall be composed of representatives from the following departments and agencies:

1. Department of Justice
2. Department of National Defense
3. Department of Interior and Local Government
4. Office of the National Security Adviser