[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 177, February 10, 2015]

DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DIRECTOR-GENERAL AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree (PD) No. 4, as amended by PD No. 1770, the President of the formerly government-owned Philippine National Bank (PNB) is an ex-officio member of the National Food Authority (NFA) Council;

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 80 (s. 1986) restructured the PNB and paved the way for its eventual privatization in August 2007;

WHEREAS, with the privatization of PNB, the ex-officio seat reserved for the PNB President under Section 6 of PD No. 1770 is considered withdrawn and deemed vacant;

WHEREAS, EO No. 165 (s. 2014) transferred the NFA from the Department of Agriculture to the Office of the President (OP);

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution grants the President the power to appoint all other officers of the Government whose appointments are not otherwise provided for by law;

WHEREAS, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III of EO No. 292, or the "Administrative Code of 1987," the President of the Philippines has the continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the OP; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of EO No. 230 (s.1987) provides that NEDA is primarily responsible for formulating continuing, coordinated and fully integrated social and economic policies, plans, and programs of different government agencies, both at the national and regional levels prior to their adoption, in order to ensure their consistency with established national priorities and coordination with other policies, plans, programs, and projects of the government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and by law, do hereby designate the NEDA Director-General as an ex-officio member of the National Food Authority Council without any additional compensation.

All other rules, regulations and issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 10th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.