

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 120, December 17, 2012]

CONSTITUTING THE TRANSITION COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Preamble of the 1987 Philippine Constitution articulates the aspiration of the sovereign Filipino people to build a just and humane society, and establish a Government that shall embody our ideals and aspirations, promote the common good, conserve and develop our patrimony, and secure to ourselves and our posterity, the blessings of independence and democracy under the rule of law and a regime of truth, justice, freedom, love, equality and peace;

WHEREAS, the comprehensive peace process agenda in Mindanao is an indispensable component to achieve real and inclusive regional and national development goals;

WHEREAS, the Government entered into the 2012 Framework Agreement (hereinafter the Agreement), which is envisioned to pave the way for the peaceful resolution of the armed struggle in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, the Government acknowledges its commitment to exert all efforts towards realizing the full implementation of the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order that:

SECTION 1. Organization. The Transition Commission (hereinafter the Commission) is hereby constituted.

SECTION 2. Composition. The Commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) members appointed by the President in accordance with the 2012 Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro.

The Commission may sit *en banc* or constitute itself into divisions, as it may deem necessary for the speedy, effective and efficient performance of its functions.

SECTION 3. Functions. The Commission shall have the following functions:

- a. To draft the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law with provisions consistent with the 2012 Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro;
- b. Whenever necessary, to recommend to Congress or the people proposed amendments to the 1987 Philippine Constitution;
- c. Whenever necessary, to assist in identifying and coordinating development programs in the proposed Bangsamoro in conjunction with the MILF Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA), and the Bangsamoro Leadership and Management Institute (BLMI).