

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18, December 09, 2010 ]**

**RATIONALIZING THE ORGANIZATION AND SUPERVISION OF CERTAIN AGENCIES, OFFICES AND OTHER SIMILAR ENTITIES ATTACHED TO OR UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT (OP)**

**WHEREAS**, the government is continually pursuing the rationalization of the operation and organizations of the Executive Branch, as mandated under Executive Order (EO) 366 dated 04 October 2004, to improve and systematized government's operations by a) focusing its efforts on its vital/core functions and priority programs and projects, and channeling resources to these core public services, and b) minimizing areas of overlap and redundancies within a Department, and among Departments/Agencies;

**WHEREAS**, there are agencies, task forces, inter-agency committees and other similar entities attached to or under OP which should be rationalized in order to focus its efforts on the overall management of the affairs of government and supervise directly those agencies requiring the utmost attention and intervention of the President;

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Degree (PD) No. 1416 (Granting Continuing Authority to the President of the Philippines to Reorganize the National Government), as amended by PD 1772, provided that the President of the Philippines shall have continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the National Government and may, at this discretion, create, abolish, group, consolidate, merge or integrate entities, agencies, instrumentalities and units of the National Government, as well as expand, amend, change, or otherwise modify their powers, function and authorities;

**WHEREAS**, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of Executive Order No. 292 (Administrative Code of 1987) dated 25 July 1987 provides continuing authority to the President to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President;

**WHEREAS**, Section 78 of the General Provision of the Republic Act No. 9970 (General Appropriations Act of 2010) authorizes the President of the Philippines to direct changes in the organizational units or key positions in any Department or Agency;

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

**Section 1.** Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the government to enhance its institutional capacity to deliver public goods and services in a more economical, efficient, ethical, effective and accountable manner.

In view of this, a review of agencies, task forces, inter-agency committees and other similar bodies has to be regularly undertaken to determine which of these are still