

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 713, March 12, 2008]

STRENGTHENING THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL ON VALUES FORMATION TOWARDS THE EFFECTIVE PURSUIT OF A JUST AND MORAL PHILIPPINE SOCIETY, AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDERS 314 AND, 347, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Council on Values Formation was created by virtue of Executive Order (EO) No. 314, s. 2004, as amended by EO No. 347, s. 2004, to pursue the establishment and institutionalization of just and moral governance;

WHEREAS, the establishment and institutionalization of just and moral governance is a long-term undertaking founded on the establishment of a just and moral Philippine society;

WHEREAS, continuing efforts to establish just and moral governance sanctioned in previous organizations need to be better coordinated to achieve optimal effect;

WHEREAS, the pursuit of just and moral governance in Philippine society is an undertaking that requires an institutional response that is equipped with sufficient authority beyond that provided by the ad hoc structure of existing council;

WHEREAS, Section 31, Chapter 10, Book III of EO 292 otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, vests the President with the continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President;

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. Renaming the Ad Hoc Council on Values Formation. The Ad Hoc Council on Values Formation is hereby renamed as the Presidential Council on Values Formation (PCVF).

SECTION 2. PCVF Composition and Structure. The President shall remain as PCVF Chairman and the Secretary of Education as Vice Chairman. The President shall invite a maximum of nine (9) leaders from the various religious groups of the country to be members of the PCVF. Members invited as members of the PCVF shall retain their character as private citizens without government remuneration.

The Council shall determine the appropriate structure for the efficient and effective performance of its functions.

SECTION 3. PCVF Secretariat. The technical and administrative requirements of the PCVF shall be serviced by a PCVF Secretariat, herein created, which shall be