

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 493, January 17, 2006]

PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE INTER-AGENCY LEGAL ACTION GROUP (IALAG) FOR THE COORDINATION OF NATIONAL SECURITY CASES

WHEREAS , acknowledging the need for a more coordinated approach, a legal action group is necessary to strengthen the inter-departmental cooperation in the investigation, prosecution and monitoring of offenses relating to national security;

WHEREAS , the Inter-Agency Legal Action Group of the IALAG is envisioned to be the entity to coordinate on-going and future efforts in pursuance of the directives herein contained;

WHEREAS , the initiatives and tasks of the concerned departments and agencies in addressing cases of national security shall at all times be conducted with utmost respect for human rights under the dictates of due process;

WHEREAS , Paragraph 2, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987 grants to the President 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. Creation. – There is hereby created the Inter-Agency Legal Action Group (IALAG), and such other essential subgroups as may be constituted, to provide effective and efficient handling and coordination of the investigative and prosecutorial aspects of the fight against threats to national security.

SECTION 2. Function . – The IALAG shall address specific offenses that constitute threats to national security including but not limited to cases of rebellion, sedition and related offenses. The IALAG shall also address national interest cases that threaten national security.

SECTION 3. Composition . – The IALAG shall be composed of personnel from the following departments and agencies:

- a. Office of the National Security Adviser
- b. Department of Justice
- c. Department of National Defense
- d. Department of Interior and Local Government
- e. National Intelligence Coordinating Agency
- f. Armed Forces of the Philippines