

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 525, April 10, 2006]

**CREATING A SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE
IRREGULARITIES COMMITTED IN RELATION TO THE PAYMENT
OF TAXES IN TRANSFERS OF TITLES OF REAL PROPERTIES, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, anti-corruption and good governance constitute one of the five main components of the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan for 2004-2010;

WHEREAS, there are reported irregularities in relation to the payment of taxes in transfers of titles of real properties;

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of the Ombudsman and the Commission on Audit entered into a Memorandum of Agreement on 20 September 2005 to ensure the proper payment of taxes in transfer of titles of real property and detect, investigate and prosecute corruption or irregularities committed in relation thereto;

WHEREAS, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987 provides the President with continuing authority to organize the Office of the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA M. 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 a Task Force attached to the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission to investigate irregularities in the transfer of titles of real properties.

The Task Force shall be headed by the Presidential Adviser on Revenue Enhancement and shall include other members as needed: Provided, that three members shall come from the signatory agencies of the Memorandum of Agreement referred to above.

SEC. 2. Powers and Functions . The Task Force shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Investigate and gather evidence against public officials and employees of the Registries of Deeds and the Bureau of Internal Revenue as well as individuals and entities who allegedly committed irregularities in the transfer of titles of real properties without payment of the correct capital gains, documentary stamp, real estate and other taxes, without prejudice to the on-going investigation and gathering of evidence by the DOJ, or to the latter's authority to continue investigating and gathering evidence against said public officials, employees, individuals and entities