

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 523, April 07, 2006]

INSTITUTING THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS , Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution guarantees the right of all persons to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies;

WHEREAS , Republic Act No. 9285, otherwise known as the "Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Act of 2004", declares that it is the policy of the State to actively promote and encourage the use of ADR as an important means to achieve speedy and impartial justice and to declog court dockets;

WHEREAS , the use of the alternative modes of dispute resolution has proven to be effective in amicably and speedily resolving disputes filed before judicial and quasi-judicial agencies;

WHEREAS , there is a need to promote the use of ADR to achieve speedy resolution of all disputes before all administrative bodies in the Executive Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO , President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution. All administrative bodies shall promote the use of alternative modes of dispute resolution such as, but not limited to, mediation, conciliation and arbitration as part of their practice in resolving disputes filed before them.

SEC. 2. Training. All agencies of the Executive Department shall train in the field of ADR at least two (2) senior officials who shall be designated to organize, develop and implement the use of ADR in their agency.

SEC. 3. Management of Alternative Dispute Resolution in Executive Agencies. The Office of the President shall manage the development of the ADR practice in the executive agencies. It shall:

coordinate/direct the development of rules, regulation and procedures to implement ADR policies in each agency;

assist in providing training resources for the development of the use of ADR in each agency;

3.3 monitor and evaluate the compliance with and efficiency of the use of ADR in each agency;

educate and encourage the public in the use of ADR;