

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 571, October 05, 2006]

**CREATING THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE SECTOR TASK FORCE ON
PHILIPPINE COMPETITIVENESS**

WHEREAS, it is the collective desire of the government and the business sector to improve international competitiveness to strengthen our industry, agriculture and service sectors, create jobs, and increase incomes as we move up the value chain;

WHEREAS, the holding of a National Competitiveness Summit aims to immediately address the critical problems on business efficiency, infrastructure, and governance, which are contributing to the decline in the country's international competitiveness;

WHEREAS, the implementation of an Action Agenda requires efficient coordination and joint responsibility between the government and the private sector under an empowered national body;

WHEREAS, the creation of a Public-Private Sector Task Force on Philippine Competitiveness is broadly supported by the private sector, which is keen to work closely with government to encourage competitiveness and pursue meaningful and effective legal, regulatory, institutional, procedural, and other appropriate reforms;

WHEREAS, Section 20, Chapter 7, Title I, Book III of EO No. 292 grants the President residual powers to reorganize the administrative structure of the Executive Branch of government.

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. Public-Private Sector Task Force on Philippine Competitiveness. There is hereby created a Public-Private Sector Task Force on Philippine Competitiveness, hereinafter referred to as the Task Force, which shall be attached to the Office of the President.

SEC. 2. Mandate. The Task Force will promote and develop national competitiveness by seeing to the implementation of the Action Agenda for Competitiveness, hereinafter referred to as the Action Agenda.

SEC. 3. Composition. The Task Force shall be composed of the Department Secretaries of Trade and Industry (DTI), Finance (DOF), Transportation and Communications (DOTC), Education (DepEd), and the Director General of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), and three (3) representatives from the business sector, including the Senior Advisor on International Competitiveness, one (1) representative from policy research institutions, and one (1) representative from civil society.