

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 351, August 17, 2004 ]**

**RECOGNIZING THE UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES (ULAP) AS THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION OF ALL THE LEAGUES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) AND LEAGUES AND FEDERATIONS OF LOCAL ELECTIVE AND APPOINTIVE OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) was formed in 1998 as the umbrella organization of all leagues of local government units (LGUs) and leagues and federations of local elective and appointive officials;

WHEREAS, in order to carry out its purposes and mandate, there is a need to recognize ULAP as the umbrella organization of all its members, to further strengthen its vital role as a major stakeholder in nation building.

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. The Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines or ULAP is hereby duly recognized as the umbrella organization of all the leagues of local government units, and the leagues and federations of local elective and appointive officials.

SECTION 2. ULAP shall promote more efficient and effective networking and consensus-building among its members particularly in addressing issues on local autonomy and governance.

SECTION 3. ULAP shall derive funds from annual assessment fees, special contributions or donations of provinces and cities, and from annual dues from its member-leagues or federations, at the rate to be determined by the ULAP and duly-recognized by the Department of the Interior and Local Government through a corresponding Memorandum Circular for that purpose, provided that no funding requirement of ULAP shall be charged to the National Government. It may, in support of its programs and projects, secure financial assistance or undertake fund-raising activities, subject to the pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code and the Omnibus Election Code.

SECTION 4. ULAP's specific objectives and purposes, membership rules, and other matters affecting its internal organization shall be governed by its constitution and by-laws and such appropriate rules and regulations as may be promulgated by its National Executive Board and General Executive Council, provided that said constitution, by-laws and rules and regulations shall always conform to the provisions of the Philippine Constitution and existing laws.

SECTION 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.