

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 207, May 17, 2003 ]**

**PROVIDING FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO IN THE FORMULATION OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES, PLANS AND PROGRAMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sections 2 and 3, Chapter 1, Subtitle C, Title II, Book V of the Administrative Code of 1987, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) serves as the independent planning agency of the Government and is primarily responsible for formulating continuing, coordinated and fully integrated social and economic policies, plans and programs;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 5, Article IV of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9054, the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) shall, as far as practicable, be represented in the departments, offices, commissions, agencies and bureaus of the central government or national government that implement and enforce policies, programs and projects of the central government of national government in the region;

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of Memorandum Circular No. 7 dated August 11, 1998, the NEDA was directed to coordinate the preparation of the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP), 1999-2004, which shall be-formulated in close collaboration and consultation with other agencies of the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, the local government units and the private/non-government sectors;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 10, Article XII of R.A. No. 9054, a Regional Economic and Development Planning Board (REDPB) was created to serve as the planning, monitoring, and coordinating agency for all development plans, projects, and programs intended for the ARMM, and which shall formulate a master plan for a systematic, progressive, and total development of the region, taking into account the development plans of the province, city, municipality, and barangay concerned as mandated by the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. No. 7160).

**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.** *Representation in the NEDA.* - The ARMM Regional Governor shall be Invited to attend the meetings of the NEDA Board. The ARMM Regional Governor shall likewise be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee on Social Development and the Committee on Infrastructure of the NEDA.

**Sec. 2.** *Consultation with the REDPB.* - The Autonomous Regional Government, through the REDPB, shall actively participate in the formulation of the MTPDP to ensure that the development thrusts and priorities of the ARMM are reflected