[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, May 17, 2003]

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 121 ENTITLED "RECONSTITUTING THE BIPARTISAN EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SABAH ISSUES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

WHEREAS, in the light of recent events, the Bi-partisan Executive-Legislative Advisory Council (BELAC) on Sabah issues was reconstituted for the second time pursuant to Executive Order No. 121 dated September 6, 2002;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Department Order No. 13-03, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) created the BELAC Secretariat in the DFA;

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Executive Order No. 121, dated September 06, 2002 is hereby amended to read as follows;

"SECTION 4. Secretariat- The Council shall reorganize its Secretariat to be headed by an Executive Director who shall be the Current head of the Secretariat on Territorial Concerns of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)"

SEC. 2. All orders, issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed of modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila this 17th day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

(Sgd.) GLORIA M. ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Executive Secretary

