

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 248, October 26, 2003]

**CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE ANTI-KIDNAPPING
PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER**

WHEREAS, in undertaking the government's renewed campaign against kidnapping, an effective and comprehensive approach is necessary through the mobilization of the entire government machinery for unified effort against terrorist groups and lawless elements involved in kidnapping activities.

WHEREAS, to maximize the capability of law enforcement agencies and optimize the utilization of government resources in its campaign against kidnapping, a Cabinet-level Presidential Adviser must orchestrate and oversee a consolidated anti-kidnapping campaign;

WHEREAS, under Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President.

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. Creation – There is hereby created the Office of the Anti-Kidnapping Presidential Adviser ("Adviser") attached to the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission. Its principal mission shall be to ensure that there is a national campaign against kidnapping wherein all involved law enforcement and counteraction agencies are operating as part of an integrated and coordinated proactive effort. The Presidential Adviser shall formulate policies, develop strategies, and execute programs of action for a consolidated effort to preempt, prevent and suppress kidnapping, arrest kidnappers and their accessories and cause their speedy prosecution. Secretary Angelo Reyes is hereby appointed Adviser.

SECTION 2. Oversight Committee – There is hereby created an Oversight Committee to ensure the execution by active participation of the involved law enforcement and counteraction agencies of the anti-kidnapping action programs. The Oversight Committee shall be composed of the following:

Secretary Angelo Reyes - Chairman
Secretary of Interior and Local Government - Member
Secretary of National Defense - Member
Secretary of Justice - Member
Secretary of Transportation and Communication - Member

Four (4) representatives from the private sectors shall be appointed by the President as members of the Oversight Committee.

SECTION 3. Functions. – In pursuance of the government's firm resolve in applying