

# **[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 257, December 15, 2003 ]**

## **CREATING A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (RDC) UNDER**

WHEREAS, regional development is a means to promote national growth and countryside development;

WHEREAS, it is a priority of the government to continue addressing disparities in regional development and promote equitable allocation of resources among regions;

WHEREAS, to effectively address the critical regional and local development needs, there is a need for a coordinated effort at the national level that shall strengthen the linkages between national and regional/local planning, programming, budgeting and implementation;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that spatial implications of policies are adequately in considered in national development policy formulation;

WHEREAS, there is a need for an inter-agency body at the national level shall coordinate and integrate regional developments efforts of the government to ensure harmony and effective implementation at the regional and local levels;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 230, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) is primarily responsible for the formulation of continuing, coordinated and fully integrated social and economic policies, plans and programs both at the national and regional levels

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

SECTION 1. Creation of a NEDA Board-Regional Development Committee (NB-RDC). A Regional Development Committee is hereby constituted under the NEDA Board.

SECTION 2. Composition. The NB-RDC shall be composed of the following:

Chairman: NEDA Director-General Members: Secretary of Budget and Management Secretary of Interior and Local Government Three (3) RDC Chairs one each representing Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao Four (4) regional development experts from the private sector and academe

SECTION 3. Functions of the NB-RDC. The NB-RDC shall:

- a. formulate and monitor the implementation of policies that reduce regional growth and disparities, promote equitable allocation of resources among regions;
- b. serve as clearinghouse for key regional development