[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 70, February 11, 2002]

DECLARING PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTY OF THE BASES CONVERSION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LOCATED IN FORT BONIFACIO AND ITS ENVIRONS AS SOCIALIZED HOUSING SITES AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION THEREOF TO QUALIFIED OCCUPANTS AND BENEFICIARIES

WHEREAS, in line with the priority concern of the present Administration to provide lands to deserving landless and homeless Filipinos, the President has issued a memorandum dated 05 February 2001, directing all heads of Government Departments, Agencies, Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations and their Instrumentalities to identify areas which may be identified for socialized housing purposes;

WHEREAS , said Memorandum is in accordance with the policy of the present Administration of regularizing the land tenurial status of informal settlers occupying public lands;

WHEREAS , the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA), a government corporation created under Republic Act No. 7227, accelerated the conversion of the military reservations into other productive uses, and pursuant to the same law, was given the authority to dispose of these military camp to provide funds for their development and conversion to productive civilian use;

WHEREAS , Republic Act No. 7227, transferred to BCDA the ownership, administration and control of a substantial portion of Fort Bonifacio consisting of 723.3 hectares;

WHEREAS , a portion of the Fort Bonifacio property consisting of 119 hectares has been designated as the Bonifacio Housing and Information Technology Zone (BHIT Zone) pursuant to the Master Development Plan for the area which was updated pursuant to A.O. No. 25, series of 1998;

WHEREAS , portions of the said BHIT Zone are currently occupied by informal dwellers;

WHEREAS , another portion of the Fort Bonifacio property identified as Lupang Katuparan covering an area of approximately 48 hectares is currently being developed as land-based housing site to accommodate the families to be affected by BCDA Projects;

WHEREAS , the Pamayanang Diego Silang area located along the C-5 Road with a total of 2,880 units in 5-storey medium rise buildings spread out over 23.86 hectares was developed for socialized housing purposes primarily to accommodate the families to be affected by BCDA Project as well as military, BCDA and PNP/DILG/NAPOLCOM personnel;