

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 77, March 06, 2002]

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FRAMEWORK PLAN FOR WOMEN [2001-2004] AND INTENSIFYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 5% BUDGET PROVISION FOR GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

WHEREAS , Section 14, Article II of the Constitution provides "The State recognizes the role of women in nation-building, and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of women and men";

WHEREAS , Republic Act No. 7192 entitled "Women in Development and Nation Building Act" mandating agencies to ensure that women benefit equally and participate directly in the development programs and projects of government, and Executive Order No. 273 series of 1995 entitled "Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development (PPGD) 1995-2025" were signed pursuant to the Constitutional proviso;

WHEREAS , Executive Order No. 273 mandates and authorizes the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the PPGD;

WHEREAS , the General Appropriations Act from 1995 to the present, mandates all departments including their attached agencies, offices, bureaus, agencies, state universities and colleges, government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), and other government instrumentalities, to formulate a Gender and Development (GAD) Plan, the cost of which shall be at least five percent (5%) of the agency's total budget appropriations;

WHEREAS , NCRFW was directed by the President to formulate a Framework Plan for Women to advance and guarantee the concretization of the policy on women and development women's empowerment and gender equality and equity;

WHEREAS , the Framework Plan for Women is a time-slice of the Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development (PPGD), 1995-2025 and shall serve as a guide for national government agencies and Local Government Units in the formulation of their respective GAD Plans and budgets;

WHEREAS , the Framework Plan for Women, 2001-2004 was formulated after a series of consultations, coordination and cooperation with various government agencies, non-government organizations, local government units, and members of the academe.

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

SECTION 1. Framework Plan for Women . - There shall be a Framework Plan for Women, 2001-2004 as finalized by the NCRFW, to be implemented by all