

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 48, October 26, 2001]

**DECLARING NON-CORE PROPERTIES OF THE PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL RAILWAYS (PNR) AS SOCIALIZED HOUSING SITES
AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAME TO
BONAFIDE OCCUPANTS**

WHEREAS , Article IV, Section 8 of Republic Act No. 7279, otherwise known as the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992 (UDHA), provide that government-owned lands which have not been used for the purpose for which they have been reserved or set aside for the past ten (10) years from the effectivity of the UDHA and identified as suitable for socialized housing, shall immediately be transferred to the National Housing Authority (NHA) subject to the approval of the President of the Republic of the Philippines for proper disposition;

WHEREAS , 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 proclaimed for socialized housing purposes;

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

WHEREAS , the Philippine National Railways (PNR) owns several properties all over the Philippines consisting of more than 1,000 hectares;

WHEREAS , the PNR has expressed its intention to dispose its non-core properties which are mostly occupied by informal settler families at zonal value, as mandated by UDHA;

WHEREAS , the disposition of said properties form an essential part of the rehabilitation plan of PNR and must also be fast tracked to abate the proliferation of informal settlers into these non-core properties which may adversely affect such disposition.

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. Declaration as Socialized Housing Sites. In view of the urgency and need by thousands of informal settlers to acquire land ownership and shelter security, the non-core properties of PNR as are found viable for the purpose, are hereby declared as sites for socialized housing, subject to private rights, for disposition to their actual bonafide occupants.

The non-core properties of the PNR are those outside the boundaries of the railroad tracks and not utilized for railroad purposes.