

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 122, January 30, 1987 ]**

**ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF MUSLIM AFFAIRS AND CULTURAL COMMUNITIES.**

RECALLING that the reorganization of the government is mandated expressly in Article II, Section I (a), and Article III of the Freedom Constitution;

HAVING IN MIND that pursuant to Executive order No. 5 (1986) it is directed that necessary and proper changes in the organizational and functional structures of the government, its agencies and instrumentalities be effected in order to promote efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of public services;

AFFIRMING that the new administration is committed to formulate and implement more rigorous development policies, plans, programs, and projects for Tribal Filipinos, taking into consideration their respective aspirations, customs, traditions, institutions and interests, in order to promote and preserve their rich cultural heritage and insure their involvement in the country's national unity and development;

AFFIRMING FURTHER that the creation of specialized agencies duly vested with appropriate powers and functions has become a national demand necessary to effectively realize the foregoing policies, plans, programs and projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the sovereign will of the Filipino People and the Freedom Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Executive Order shall otherwise be known as the Reorganization Act of Government Agencies on cultural communities and Muslim Affairs.

SEC. 2. *Reorganizational Changes.* – The Office of Muslim Affairs and Cultural Communities is hereby abolished and in its place are created, by the executive order respectively creating them, the Office for Northern Cultural Communities and the Office for Southern Cultural Communities, which shall absorb all the functions of the Bureau of Muslim Affairs.

SEC. 3. *Funds and Assets.* – Upon the approval of the executive orders respectively creating the Office for Northern Cultural Communities, Office for Southern Cultural Communities and the Office on Muslim Affairs, the assets and liabilities of the Office of Muslim Affairs and Cultural Communities shall be divided as follows:

- (a) All records, equipment, facilities, choses in action, rights and other assets of the defunct Presidential Assistant on National Minorities brought into the merger under Executive Order No.