

[MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 52, October 31, 2018]

CREATING THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON FEDERALISM AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 10 (s. 2016) created the Consultative Committee tasked to conduct consultations, and review the provisions of the 1987 Constitution including, but not limited to, the structure and powers of government, local governance and economic policies;

WHEREAS, the conduct of a public information drive and advocacy campaign at the grassroots level is necessary to raise public awareness on Federalism and constitutional reform, as well as to ensure widest -public participation in the ongoing initiatives to amend or revise the fundamental law of the land;

WHEREAS, constant consultations with all sectors of society is essential in every stage of the process of constitutional reform so that all such efforts towards reform will embody the sovereign will and reflect the ideals and aspirations of our people; and

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all executive departments, bureaus and-offices;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following are hereby ordered:

Section 1. Creation. There is hereby established an Inter-Agency Task Force on Federalism (IATF) to be composed of the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government or his equivalent as Chairperson; the Secretary of Justice, as Vice-Chairperson; and the heads of the following offices/agencies as members:

- (a) Office of the Cabinet Secretary;
- (b) Presidential Management Staff;
- (c) Presidential Communications Operations Office;
- (d) Office of the Presidential Spokesperson;
- (e) Presidential Legislative Liaison Office;
- (f) Office of the Political Adviser;
- (g) Commission on Higher-Education;
- (h) Development Academy of the Philippines; and
- (i) University of the Philippines Law Center.