

[MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 89, December 17, 2015]

IMPLEMENTATION AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE NATIONAL ANTIDRUG PLAN OF ACTION

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9165, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002," mandates the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), to develop and adopt a comprehensive, unified, integrated and balanced national drug abuse and prevention control strategy;

WHEREAS, the DDB formulated the National Anti-Drug Plan of Action (NADPA) which outlines the efforts of the government to strengthen its campaign against drugs and contribute to international efforts to counter the world drug problem;

WHEREAS, the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs provides that the Member States of the United Nations are fully aware that the drug problem remains a common and shared responsibility that requires effective and increased international cooperation; and

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, the drug problem is not merely a security or health issue, but also encompasses social, economic, psychological and economic interests, requiring the unified involvement of various government agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, the concerned agencies are directed as follows:

SECTION 1. Implementing Agencies. All government offices, departments, bureaus, agencies, offices and government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs), shall implement the NADPA. The DDB shall serve as the lead agency in its implementation.

SECTION 2. Formulation of the Implementing Plan and Operations Plan for the NADPA. The NADPA shall be implemented for a period of five (5) years. All government offices are required to formulate and submit their respective Five (5) Year Implementing and Operational Plans for the NADPA to the DDB within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Circular.

SECTION 3. Review. The DDB shall continuously improve and upgrade the implementation of the NADPA, until the vision of a drug-resistant and eventually a drug-free country has been achieved and consistently sustained. In consultation with the implementing government offices, the DDB shall develop a performance standard measure to determine the accomplishment status of the implementation of the NADPA.

In order to evaluate the NADPA, the DDB, with the assistance of the Philippine Statistical Authority (PSA), shall conduct a nationwide survey of drug prevalence in the country every three (3) years, the results of which shall be utilized for policy formulation on drug prevention and control.