[MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 166, October 20, 2008]

ENJOINING ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATIONS TO SUPPORT THE BOTIKA NG BAYAN (BnB) PROJECT

The Government recognizes the rising cost of living because of the high prices of goods and services, including medicine and other health products.

In upholding the Government's commitment to continuously address the needs of the people through good governance and the availability of safe, effective, and affordable medicine, the Arroyo Administration encourages and supports all endeavors related to minimizing the cost of medicine for every Filipino.

As part of said commitment, all officials and employees of the Government, including government-owned and controlled corporations, state universities and colleges, and government employees' associations, are hereby called upon to support the Botika ng Bayan (BnB) Project, and the efforts of the Philippine Government Employees Association (PGEA), in cooperation with the Philippine International Trading Corporation - Pharma, Inc. (PTIC-PI), which are related to the BnB Project.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed hereto.

Done in the City of Manila, this 20th day of October, in the year or our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

(Sgd.) GLORIA M. ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Executive Secretary

