

# [ MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 10, December 29, 2016 ]

## **DESIGNATING THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS OFFICE AS LEAD AGENCY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2 (s. 2016) AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PROGRAM IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order (EO) No. 2 (s. 2016) operationalized the Freedom of Information (FOI) in the Executive branch, ensuring the effective exercise of every Filipino's right to access to information;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to continuously monitor the implementation of EO No. 2 across all government agencies in the Executive branch;

**WHEREAS**, the designation of a lead agency shall ensure the successful implementation of the FOI program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA**, Executive Secretary, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**SECTION 1. *Lead Agency.*** The Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) is hereby designated as the lead agency in the implementation of EO No. 2 and all other FOI programs or initiatives, including electronic freedom of information (e-FOI) in the Executive branch.

**SECTION 2. *Mandate.*** As lead agency, the PCOO shall:

- (a) oversee implementation of all FOI and e-FOI programs for all government agencies in the Executive branch and monitor compliance therewith;
- (b) develop programs and mechanisms to enhance the capacity of government agencies to comply with FOI programs; and
- (c) conduct and facilitate the necessary capacity and institutional building programs for all concerned government agencies and instrumentalities.

**SECTION 3. *Assistance and Cooperation.*** All departments, agencies, bureaus, offices or instrumentalities of the government, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, are directed to render full assistance and cooperation to the PCOO as may be required to carry out its functions pursuant to this Order.

**SECTION 4. *Effectivity.*** This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.