

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 47, August 06, 2012]

**AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICIALS TO SIGN DECISIONS,
RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS IN APPEALED CASES IN THE OFFICE
OF THE PRESIDENT.**

WHEREAS, this Government, in line with its objective of providing good governance, aims to provide a just and expeditious administration of justice;

WHEREAS, in order to ensure and maintain expeditious disposition of cases appealed to the Office of the President (OP), considering the volume of cases pending before the OP, particularly appeals from the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB), it is necessary to designate senior officials to conduct a review of these cases and to authorize them to sign resolutions, decisions, or orders relative thereto in order to significantly reduce the backlog; and

WHEREAS, under Section 17, Administrative Order No. 22, series of 2011, where exigencies arise, the Executive Secretary may temporarily designate the Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs (DESLA) or any Deputy Executive Secretary to decide and sign decisions, resolutions or orders in appealed cases;

NOW, THEREFORE, Deputy Executive Secretary Michael G. Aguinaldo is temporarily designated, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 17 of A.O. No. 22, series of 2011, to decide and sign decisions, resolutions or orders in appealed cases limited to the following instances:

1. Those where the decision, resolution or order AFFIRMS the decision, resolution or order of the HLURB; and
2. Those where the resolution or order DENIES or DISMISSES a motion seeking reconsideration of a previous decision, resolution or order of the Office of the President, which affirmed the decision, resolution or order of the HLURB.

In cases involving a conflict of interest as certified in writing by the DESLA, Deputy Executive Secretary for General Administration (DESGA) Teofilo S. Pilando Jr. is temporarily designated to decide and sign such appealed cases.

The foregoing authority shall be for a period of five (5) months from 1 August 2012 to 31 December 2012, unless sooner terminated.

The foregoing temporary designation shall not preclude the Executive Secretary from exercising his powers and functions pursuant to the provisions of Section 25, 26 and 27, Title III, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987.

City of Manila, 6th day of August 2012