

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 13, April 18, 2011]

**CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO
MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITMENTS MADE
IN THE 2010 NATIONAL SUMMIT ON PERSONS DEPRIVED OF
LIBERTY**

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State to value the dignity of every human person and guarantee full respect for human rights and ensure that the human rights of all persons, including suspects, detainees and prisoners are respected at all times;

WHEREAS, various agencies concerned with the Criminal Justice System from the Executive, the Legislative and the Judiciary, including non-government, faith-based and civil society organizations, and other stakeholders, convened in a National Summit in Manila on 16-17 November 2010 to agree and collaborate on measures to ensure the protection of the rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs);

WHEREAS, the participants in the National Summit adopted the 2010 *National Summit Declaration on Persons Deprived of Liberty* (2010 Summit Declaration), comprising of short to medium term executive commitments, including advocacy for legislative and judicial support, towards ensuring the protection of the rights of PDLs; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to closely monitor the implementation of the commitments in the *2010 Summit Declaration* and to report to the general public the milestones and outcomes made towards upholding the dignity of PDLs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of an Inter-Agency Executive Committee. An Inter-Agency Executive Committee (Execom) is hereby created to monitor the implementation of the commitments in the *2010 Summit Declaration* which shall be chaired by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), with the following as members:

- a) Secretary, Department of Justice – Vice Chairperson
- b) Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development
- c) Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines
- d) Chairperson, Board of Pardons and Parole
- e) Director, Bureau of Corrections