

[**OP EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 325, July 09, 2004**]

**CREATING THE PRESIDENTIAL ANTI-ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT
TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, there are alarming reports that illegal recruitment for work abroad remain unabated;

WHEREAS, it is of critical importance that the State safeguard public interest and protect the welfare of Filipino workers from unscrupulous recruiters and syndicates who employ nefarious means to entice Filipinos to go abroad under onerous and exploitative conditions;

WHEREAS, coordination between and among agencies engaged in the anti-illegal recruitment drive must be enhanced to efficiently address the illegal recruitment concerns;

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of 1987 vests the President with continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation and Function of Presidential Anti-Illegal Recruitment Task Force. There is hereby created a Presidential Anti-Illegal Recruitment Task Force (PAIRTF), tasked to: a) develop and execute strategies and schemes against the *modus operandi* of illegal recruiters such as, but not limited to, "escort" services within our international airports and other points of departure, b) develop and execute strategies and schemes against syndicates responsible for tampering and sale of spurious passports and travel documents; and c) ensure the prosecution of illegal recruiters, syndicates and protectors.

SECTION 2. Composition. The PAIRTF shall be composed of a Chairman, who shall be appointed or designated by the President, and a sufficient number of members as may be determined by the Chairman, from the staff of the National Bureau of Investigation, the Philippine National Police and other relevant government agencies, who shall be detailed to the PAIRTF by their respective heads.

SECTION 3. Office. The Manila International Airport Authority shall provide sufficient space at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) to serve as the principal office of the PAIRTF.

SECTION 4. Powers of the PAIRTF. In pursuit of its functions as defined in Section 1 hereof, the PAIRTF shall have the responsibility and authority to: