

**[OP MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 56, MARCH 15,
2002, March 15, 2002]**

**DESIGNATING AN OFFICER-IN-CHARGE TO OVERSEE THE
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S
SOCIAL FUND AND OTHER FUNDS PRESENTLY UNDER THE
PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT STAFF**

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 184 dated August 1, 1988 and Memorandum Order No. 184-A dated September 15, 1988 designated the Presidential Management Staff ("PMS") as the unit in the Office of the President which shall identify, evaluate and recommend to the President project beneficiaries of the Special Presidential Action for Regional Concerns, known as the President's Social Fund ("PSF"); handle the disbursement of said fund; and process and monitor the implementation of approved projects;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 1 dated February 12, 2001 authorized the PMS and the PMS Head to exercise on behalf of the President the following functions with regard to the PSF and other special funds presently administered by the PMS (collectively, the "Funds"):

- (1) Review of all requests for assistance from the Funds;
- (2) Signing of Memoranda of Agreement/Deeds of Donation covering projects/requests approved by the President for assistance from the Funds;
- (3) Approval of requests for revision of project specifications and project realignments (e.g., fund, site, activity/component) and utilization of savings/unused funds of projects assisted by the Funds;
- (4) Referral to appropriate government agencies of those requests for assistance which cannot be accommodated by the Funds.

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

SECTION 1. The Officer-in-Charge ("OIC") designated by the President shall oversee the management and administration of the Funds. The OIC shall be responsible for the final review of all requests for assistance from the Funds and the submission of the appropriate recommendation to the President.

SECTION 2. Only projects duly approved by the President shall receive assistance from the Funds.

SECTION 3. The Office for Special Projects shall be placed under the supervision of the OIC and shall continue to do the following: