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SETTING UP A TRANSITION COOPERATION TEAM AND INTRODUCING THE TRANSITION BLUEPRINT

WHEREAS, the true hallmark of a strong, functioning democracy is a smooth transition to a new government;

WHEREAS, the outgoing Administration must do everything in its power to make sure the new government has the benefit, from day one, of a strong, stable, government ready to continue working on behalf of the people it was elected to serve;

WHEREAS, there is need for a transition cooperation team to work closely with the representatives of the next President to ensure a peaceful, orderly and effective transition on June 30;

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

SECTION 1. Presidential Transition Cooperation Team. There is hereby created a Presidential Transition Cooperation Team (PTCT), which shall be responsible for the overall implementation, coordination and supervision of the entire transition blueprint provided in Section 2 herein and its corollary activities.

SEC. 2. Transition Blueprint. Transition planning shall be conducted to establish and define the processes and parameters that shall guide the government's operations during the transition period. Results of the planning shall be the formulation of a Transition Blueprint (TB), which will provide for efficient and effective turn-over and the continued functions of the bureaucracy in the early days of the next Administration.

The Blueprint, which shall cover all government departments, agencies, bureaus, government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs), and other instrumentalities including attached agencies under the Office of the President, may include the following:

- a) Provide orderly and smooth transfer of power to the next Administration through:
 - i) Readiness to orient the incoming President and his Cabinet Members and key officials on the government's structure, procedures and decisions flows;
 - ii) Readiness to provide information to the incoming Administration of the policies of various departments/agencies, their specific mandates,

vision/mission, objectives, functional structures, key officers and their credentials, and other administrative information; and

- iii) Proposals for continuity, particularly the clustered forward-looking national education program of the Department of Education, the Commission on Higher Education, and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority as recommended by the Presidential Task Force on the Education System;
- b) Ensure seamless service delivery during the transition phase;
- c) Document the key accomplishments of the Arroyo Administration;
- d) Give due recognition to the persons, institutions and other organizations who have helped the Arroyo Administration achieve its goals.

SEC. 3. Composition of the PTCT. The PTCT shall be composed of the following:

The Executive Secretary as Chairperson
The Secretary of Foreign Affairs
The Secretary of Budget and Management
The Secretary of Education to represent the Presidential Task Force on the Education System
The Press Secretary
The Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority
The Director-General of the Presidential Management Staff (PMS)
The Director-General of the Philippine Information Agency, with regard to the documentation of the key accomplishments of the Arroyo Administration.

The Office of the Executive Secretary and the PMS shall jointly provide technical and secretariat support to the PTCT.

SEC. 4. Functions of the PTCT. The PTCT shall perform the following specific functions:

- a. Serve as overall and central coordination committee of all government departments, agencies, bureaus, GOCCs and other instrumentalities on the preparation and implementation of the TB;
- b. Prepare guidelines on the specific preparations to be used by all government departments, agencies, bureaus, GOCCs, and other instrumentalities, for the turn-over;
- c. Direct and oversee the preparation of the agencies' respective TBs and the necessary transition reports;
- d. Consolidate agencies' reports into one (1) transition report which will be formally submitted to the incumbent President who may turn-over said documents to the President-elect;