

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 548, August 01, 2006]

**CREATING A TASK FORCE AGAINST ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT
UNDER THE COMMISSION ON FILIPINOS OVERSEAS**

WHEREAS, the Presidential Anti-Illegal Recruitment Task Force, created pursuant to Executive Order No. ("EO") 325 (s. 2004) and tasked, among others, to develop and execute strategies and schemes against the modus operandi of illegal recruiters, was automatically dissolved after a year of its effectivity;

WHEREAS, persistent reports indicate that illegal recruitment, a crime of economic sabotage, remains unabated;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a new task force against illegal recruitment in order to have a more focused, concerted, coordinated and effective programs of action to stop and eliminate illegal recruitment;

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of 1997 provides that the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the Office of the President and to transfer functions from one department or agency to another;

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 of Task Force Against Illegal Recruitment. There is hereby created a Task Force Against Illegal Recruitment (TFAIR), which shall be placed under the supervision of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas for policy and program coordination. The TFAIR shall have the following functions:

- 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 against syndicates responsible for tampering and sale of spurious passports and travel documents; and
- c) ensure the prosecution of illegal recruiters, syndicates and protectors.

SEC. 2. Composition . The TFAIR shall be composed of the Chairman of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas as Chair, 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 TFAIR by their respective heads.

SEC. 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 TFAIR.