

**[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 165, December
12, 2006]**

REORGANIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) 292 the Administrative Code of 1987 and EO 112 of 1999 define the mandate of the Department of National Defense (DND) as follows: Guard against external and internal threats to national security, promote the welfare of soldiers and veterans, and provide support to socio-economic development;

WHEREAS, under the laws creating the DND there are three (3) Undersecretaries of Defense: for (1) Munitions, as provided by RA 1884, (2) National Defense as provided by EO 292 and (3) Civil Relations, as provided by PD 876 as amended by PD 1895;

WHEREAS, under EO 292 there are seven (7) Assistant Secretaries of Defense: for (1) Plans and Programs, (2) Installation and Logistics, (3) Public Affairs, (4) Strategic Assessment, (5) Comptrollership, (6) Personnel and (7) Legal Service, and two (2) Office Chiefs; for (1) Administrative Services and (2) Information Management.

WHEREAS, in 1992 the Undersecretary for Munitions was replaced by an Undersecretary for Veterans and Reserve Affairs;

WHEREAS, in 1992 two (2) Assistant Secretaries were transformed into office Chiefs: for Legal Service and Strategic Assessment, while the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs was transformed into an Office Chief of Legislative Affairs.

WHEREAS, pursuant to DO 170 dated 22 September 2003 and DO 175 dated 24 September 2003 there were five (5) Undersecretaries, (5) Assistant Secretaries and (8) Service Staff;

WHEREAS, during the incumbency of Sec. Avelino J. Cruz, Jr., there were six (6) Undersecretaries, eight (8) Assistant Secretaries and nine (9) Office Chiefs;

WHEREAS, the General Appropriations Act for the period January 1, 2005-December 31, 2005, as reenacted in 2006, Sec. 78 of the General Provisions provides that the appointment of officers and employees shall be limited to the number of authorized positions in the plantilla of personnel approved pursuant to the organization structure provided for in the law creating such department, bureau, office or agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA M. ARROYO, President of the Philippines and Acting Secretary of National Defense, by the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution do hereby order: