

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 131, October 10, 2002]

DECLARING OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING PURPOSES CERTAIN GOVERNMENT-OWNED LANDS DEFINED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992, AND PROVIDING FOR DISPOSITION THEREOF

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 7279, otherwise known as the Urban Development Housing Act of 1992 (UDHA), government-owned lands which have not been used for the purposes for which they have been reserved or set aside for the past ten (10) years from the effectivity of UDHA including government-owned idle lands and alienable lands of the public domain — and are suitable for socialized housing — shall be subject to disposition in favor of UDHA beneficiaries or for socialized housing purposes;

WHEREAS, mass housing has been reaffirmed by this government as a centerpiece program in its poverty alleviation efforts pursuant to Executive Order No. 20 dated 28 May 2001;

WHEREAS, mass housing may be effected, among others, through the regularization of land tenure of informal settlers on government-owned lands which have not been used for the purposes for which they have been reserved or set aside for the past ten (10) years from the effectivity of UDHA including government-owned idle lands and alienable lands of the public domain and are suitable for socialized housing; and

WHEREAS, through numerous laws and executive issuances, the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) has been identified as the sole lead agency in the implementation of the government's shelter/housing program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines do hereby declare and order:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Certain Government-Owned Lands under UDHA as Available for Disposition to Qualified UDHA Beneficiaries or for Socialized Housing Purposes. — Lands owned by the Government or any of its subdivisions, instrumentalities, agencies or government-owned or controlled corporations such as but not limited to military reservations, lands reserved for government offices, facilities and other installations, and other land assets which have not been used for the purposes for which they have been reserved or set aside for the past ten (10) years from the effectivity of UDHA as well as government-owned idle lands and alienable lands of the public domain which are suitable for socialized housing are hereby declared open to disposition to qualified UDHA beneficiaries or for socialized housing purposes: Provided, that other lands defined under Section 5 of the UDHA whose use or purpose has ceased to exist and identified as suitable for socialized housing shall be subject to this provision.