

**[ OP MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 77, October 01,  
2002 ]**

**DIRECTING THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION TO EMPOWER  
THE MAYORS OF ALL THE CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE  
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TO EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT THEIR  
RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING PEACE AND ORDER IN  
THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act [R.A.] No. 7160), as amended, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the maintenance of peace and order within their respective territorial jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 51, Chapter III-D of the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990 (R.A. No. 6975), as amended by the Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998 (R.A. No. 8551), city and municipal mayors exercise operational supervision and control over units of the Philippine National Police (PNP) in their respective territorial jurisdictions except during the thirty (30) day period immediately preceding and the thirty (30) days following any national, local and barangay elections;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Section 14 of R.A. No. 6975, as amended, the National Police Commission exercises administrative control and operational supervision over the PNP;

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region, which consists of thirteen (13) cities and four (4) municipalities and is the place of residence of approximately ten million people, is uniquely situated in terms of law enforcement;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institute mechanisms which will ensure and support the performance by the mayors of the cities and municipalities in the National Capital Region of their functions relative to the maintenance of peace and order and to the exercise of operational supervision and control over the units of the PNP within their respective territorial jurisdictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby direct the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) to ensure that:

- a. The mayors of the cities and municipalities in the National Capital Region shall exercise operational supervision and control over the units of the PNP within their respective territorial jurisdictions except during the thirty (30) day period immediately preceding and the thirty (30) days following any national, local and barangay elections;