

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 112, June 18, 1999]

**RE-DIRECTING THE FUNCTIONS AND OPERATIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE**

WHEREAS, under Section 15, Chapter I, Title VIII, Book IV of Executive Order No. 292 (Revised Administrative Code of 1987), the Department of National Defense (DND) is mandated to maximize its effectiveness for guarding against external and internal threats to national peace and security and provide support for social and economic development;

WHEREAS, the DND is the primary government agency which supervises the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Government Arsenal (GA), the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO), the National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), as well as supervise and administer the AFP Modernization Program;

WHEREAS, in view of these mandates, there is a need to refocus the functions of the existing organizational units, as well as the operational structures and reporting systems in the DND to make its organizational set-up and operational processes more efficient and effective and responsive to emerging defense concerns;

WHEREAS, there is a need to re-cluster the existing bureaus and offices of the DND Proper to ensure accountability and establish a reporting system with clear lines of authority among the various offices in the Department as well as those in the Office of the Secretary of National Defense;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the realignment of bureaus and offices to delineate responsibilities based on the following functional categories: operations; policy and strategic planning; and administration and finance in accordance with existing rules and regulations on the same;

WHEREAS, under Section 20, Chapter 7, Title I, Book III of Executive Order No. 292, the President is empowered to exercise such powers and functions vested in him which are provided for under the laws;

WHEREAS, under Section 77 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 8745 (FY 1999 General Appropriations Act), the President may direct changes in the organization and key positions in any department, bureau or agency; and

WHEREAS, Section I.XLVIII of RA 8745 (1999 GAA) provides for an Organizational Fund (OAF) for the Department of National Defense under the Office of the Secretary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the

following:

SECTION 1. Mandate. — Consistent with the provisions of the Revised Administrative Code of 1987 (EO 292), the DND is hereby mandated to maximize its effectiveness for guarding against external and internal threats to national peace and security, promote the welfare of soldiers and veterans, and provide support for social and economic development.

SECTION 2. Roles. — To fulfill its responsibilities under this mandate, the DND shall serve as:

- a) the lead line agency and authority in formulating the national defense-security policies, plans and programs on defense and security;
- b) the monitor and evaluator of the implementation of policies, plans and programs on defense and security;
- c) the administrator, of the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) special funds intended to assist Local Government Units (LGUs), communities, families and citizens affected by calamities and/or disasters;
- d) an innovator of new strategies on defense and security issues, including and pursuant to the national defense plan;
- e) an enabler of National Government Agencies (NGAs), local government units (LGUs), government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), non-government organizations (NGOs), People's Organizations (POs), and other members of civil society in implementing civil defense and socio-economic development programs requiring defense and military assistance;
- f) an advocate for social and economic development concerns, to include resource and environmental protection and preservation up to the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), emergency preparedness and mitigation, soldiers and veterans' welfare, and other similar concerns; and
- g) implementor of the country's international defense and security commitments based on defense and security treaties, cooperation agreements, international covenants, protocols and other similar arrangements.

SECTION 3. Functional Focus. — To accomplish its mandate and roles, the Department shall:

- a) Formulate, develop and promote policies, plans, programs and projects in the field of defense, and in coordination with the NSC, in the field of security;
- b) Direct, plan and supervise the national defense program;
- c) Undertake researches and studies and adopt policies to ensure the effective implementation of the national defense plan and other related programs and projects;
- d) Exercise supervision and control over the Armed Forces of the Philippines,