

[**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.7, September 22, 2017**]

REORGANIZING THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE GREATER UNITY AND COHESION OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 68 (S . 2003) , AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the country's internal and external security situation necessitates greater inter-agency collaboration in the collection, fusion and production of accurate, relevant, reliable and timely intelligence for the formulation of national security policies by the President and the National Security Council (NSC);

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide more focused and clearer delineation of tasks among units/agencies involved in the gathering of intelligence on national security issues and concerns, in order to preclude unnecessary duplication of intelligence activities, ensure complete coverage of intelligence concerns as well as promote the judicious use of government resources;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order (AO) No. 68 (s.2003), the National Intelligence Committee (NIC) was organized to serve as advisory body to the Director General, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (DG,NICA), for the coordination, integration, and fusion of all intelligence activities relating to the preparation of the National Intelligence Estimate and in addressing issues of national intelligence concerns;

WHEREAS, as the focal point for the direction, integration and coordination of all government activities involving national intelligence as well as the preparation of national intelligence estimates on local and foreign situations, it is imperative for the NICA to ensure the vigorous involvement of various government departments and agencies in the task of providing departmental intelligence to facilitate the production of national intelligence, and enable the DG, NICA to more effectively carry out his role as the principal adviser of the President on intelligence;

NOW, THEREFORE I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of AO No. 68 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. National Intelligence Committee. The NIC is hereby reorganized and revitalized to serve as a vital mechanism for intelligence management, and as an instrument for promoting greater unity and cohesion of the Intelligence Community. The NIC, which shall continue to be chaired by the DG, NICA, shall be composed of the following agencies:

a. Department of Foreign Affairs;