

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 37, February 13, 2013]

CREATING THE TASK FORCE ON BANGSAMORO DEVELOPMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Preamble of the Constitution articulates the aspiration of the sovereign Filipino people to build a just and humane society, and establish a Government that shall embody our ideals and aspirations, promote the common good, conserve and develop our patrimony, and secure to ourselves and our posterity, the blessings of independence and democracy under the rule of law and a regime of truth, justice, freedom, love, equality and peace;

WHEREAS, the aspirations in the Preamble are embodied in the President's Social Contract with the Filipino People, a sixteen-point agenda that lays down the vision of government in the different priority areas of development;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the President's Social Contract, the government endeavors to attain a broadly supported, just, and lasting peace that will redress decades of neglect of the Moro and other peoples of Mindanao;

WHEREAS, the comprehensive peace process agenda in Mindanao is an indispensable component of real and inclusive regional and national development goals;

WHEREAS, the Government and the Mora Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) entered into the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro (hereinafter the Framework Agreement) on 15 October 2012, which is envisioned to pave the way for the peaceful resolution of the armed struggle in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, the Government acknowledges its commitment to exert all efforts towards realizing the full implementation of the Framework Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Framework Agreement states that the Government and the MILF shall intensify development efforts for rehabilitation, reconstruction, and development in Mindanao, and institute programs to address the needs of MILF combatants, internally displaced persons, and poverty-stricken communities throughout Mindanao.

NOW THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1 . Creation and Composition. The Task Force on Bangsamoro Development (hereinafter referred to as the Task Force) is hereby created. The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretary (OCS)

Members: Secretary, Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace