

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 217, January 21, 2008]

DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS THE LEAD AGENCY TO ORGANIZE THE PHILIPPINE HOSTING OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE GLOBAL FORUM ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT (GFMD) AND ITS RELATED MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the Philippines sponsored the inclusion of the migration in the outcome document of the High Level Plenary Meeting of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in 2005, as well as the holding of the UN Level Dialogue on Migration and Development in September 2006;

WHEREAS, the First Meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) was held in Belgium in July 2007 as a follow-up to the UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development;

WHEREAS, the Philippines will host the Second Meeting of the GFMD in October 2008 in view of its leading role in the field of migration;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute a national committee to organize and carry out efficiently and effectively all the scheduled activities relative to the Second Meeting of the GFMD, and other related meetings thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Lead Agency - The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) shall be the lead agency to organize the hosting of the Second Meeting of the GFMD.

SECTION 2. Agency Support - The DFA shall coordinate the integrated assistance by seeking technical, financial and administrative support from the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Health (DOH), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Finance (DOF), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of National Defense (DND), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC), Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Immigration (BI), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), Office of the Press Secretary (OPS), Public Information Agency (PIA), Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA), National Center for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), Radio-Television Malacanang (RTVM), Population Commission (PopCom), and from the