[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 95, February 27, 2004]

AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 34, S. OF 2002, PROVIDING FOR THE REVIVAL OF CABINET OFFICERS FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2002, the Cabinet Officers for Regional Development (CORD) was revived by A.O. No. 34;

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend Section 2 of A.O. No. 34, s of 2002 to delineate the specific functions, duties and responsibilities of the CORD.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of A.O. No. 34, s of 2002, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. Functions, Duties and Responsibilities of the CORD - The CORD shall perform, among others, the following functions, duties and responsibilities:

- a. Assist in articulating the region's concerns and perceptions in the Cabinet, with other Departments, the Office of the President and concerned agencies;
- b. Assist the President in the speedy, efficient and orderly resolution of problems in government operations in his/her assigned region:
 - b.1.By determining grievances or concerns that need to be addressed immediately;
 - b.2.By following up the actions of concerned government agencies;
 - b.3.By informing the people in the area of the results on actions taken by the government;
- c. In coordination with the Regional Development Councils (RDC) and other local special bodies, assist in defining priorities and projects in the region;
- d. Monitors government projects and programs at the regional level i.e. those accomplished and not accomplished, and the reasons why they were not accomplished immediately;
- e. Insure that all programs, projects and activities of the national government in the region are well implemented, and information thereon fully disseminated to