

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 78, July 30, 2003 ]**

**CREATING A COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A FACT-FINDING  
INVESTIGATION OF THE 2003 REBELLION**

**WHEREAS**, the rebellion of misguided military officers Last July 27 is deplorable and must be met with the full force of the law, including their political component;

**WHEREAS**, such actions signal an underlying problem that must be addressed.

**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.** There is hereby created a Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, to investigate the roots of the rebellion and the provocations that inspired it.

The Commission shall be composed of the following:

Chairman : Retired Supreme Court Justice Florentino P.  
Feliciano  
Members : Retired Supreme Court Justice Minerva  
Gonzaga Reyes  
Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.  
Professor Carolina G. Hernandez  
Commodore Rex C. Robles (Ret.)  
Capt. Rex Banjo Q. Bumanlag, PA

**SECTION 2.** The Commission is hereby granted the power of an investigating body under Section 37, Chapter 9, Book I of the Administrative Code of 1987 including the power to summon witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony or evidence relevant to the investigation, and to issue compulsory processes to produce documents, books records and such other matters, in the performance of its function.

Any person who, without lawful excuse, fails to appear upon summons issued under the authority of the preceding paragraph or who, appearing before the Commission, refuses to take oath, give testimony or produce documents for inspection, when thereunto lawfully required, shall be subject to discipline as in the case of contempt of court upon application of the Commission before the proper court, in the manner provided for by law,

**SECTION 3.** The Commission is hereby authorized to engage the services of resource persons, professionals and other personnel which may be necessary to