

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 29, January 27, 2002 ]**

**RENAMING, RECONSTITUTING AND EXPANDING THE  
FUNCTIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE TO BE  
HENCEFORTH KNOWN AS THE PRESIDENTIAL HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, Administrative Order No. 101, dated December 13, 1988, created the Human Rights Committee;

**WHEREAS**, Administrative Order No. 15, dated October 14, 1992, increased the membership of the committee to include representatives from the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Health and Department of Social Welfare and Development to effectively and efficiently monitor the Philippine human rights situation, address human rights problems and advise the President on the proper measures that should be taken without delay;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to reconstitute the committee and redefine its function to implement the goal of the government to protect human rights and promote their observance by all, pursuant to the Constitutional policy that, "(T)he State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights".

**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.** The Human Rights Committee established under A.O. No. 101, dated December 13, 1988, as amended shall be renamed and henceforth be known as the "Presidential Human Rights Committee."

**SEC. 2.** The Presidential Human Rights Committee shall be composed of the following:

The Secretary of Justice as Chairperson; the Chief Presidential Legal Counsel, Representatives of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of National Defense, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Health, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Lead Convenor, National Anti-Poverty Commission, and two representatives of private human rights groups organized nationally, to be nominated by said groups and appointed by the President, as members; and the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights and House of Representatives Committee on Civil, Political and Human Rights, as observers.

**SEC. 3.** The Committee shall serve as the primary advisory body to the President in effectively addressing urgent human rights concerns/issues in the country.