

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 34, May 02, 2002]

PROVIDING FOR THE REVIVAL OF CABINET OFFICERS FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Cabinet Officers for Regional Development (CORD) system was established under Administrative Order No. 55 on 09 February 1988, amended by Administrative Order 95 on 10 October 1988, but abolished by Executive Order No. 7 on 30 September 1998;

WHEREAS, the CORD system has been proven to be an effective linkage mechanism between the regional and sub-regional levels of government and the national leadership and in assisting the President address problems in government operations in the region and sub-regional levels;

WHEREAS, under the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has the continuing authority to implement desired administrative changes;

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. Cabinet Officers for Regional Development. – The CORD system is hereby revived. In addition to his/her regular duties, a Cabinet member may be assigned to discharge the functions, duties and responsibilities herein provided with respect to a particular region. The Cabinet member so assigned by the President shall be called the Cabinet Officer for Regional Development (CORD).

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 the 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;
- c. Identify and clarify key issues and concerns affecting peace and order and security, thru the Regional Peace and Order Councils (RPOC) and the Cabinet Oversight Committee on Internal Security (COC-IS) sub-national levels;
- d. In coordination with the Regional Development Councils (RDC) and other local special bodies, assist in defining priorities and projects in the region;
- e. Undertake regular visits for the purpose of conducting consultations with local officials and the private sector in his/her region of assignment;