

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 67, October 31, 2018]

RATIONALIZING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT THROUGH THE CONSOLIDATION OF ITS CORE MANDATES AND STRENGTHENING THE DEMOCRATIC AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 292 (s. 1987) or the Administrative Code of 1987 provides that the Office of the President (OP) Proper consists of the Executive Office, the Common Staff Support System, under which is the Cabinet Secretariat and the Presidential Management Staff (PMS), among others, and the Presidential Special Assistants/Advisers System;

WHEREAS, the Cabinet Secretariat was reconstituted and renamed as the Office of the Cabinet Secretary (OCS) by EO No. 99 (s. 2012);

WHEREAS, EO No. 01 (s. 2016) transferred the supervision over various agencies under or attached to the OP to the Cabinet Secretary for close collaboration, more participative governance and improved delivery of social services;

WHEREAS, EO No. 09 (s. 2016), strengthened the OCS by constituting the following offices under it:

- (i) Office of Participatory Governance (OPG);
- (ii) Strategic Action and Response (STAR) Office composed of the Presidential Complaint Center, Public Concerns Office, Quick Response Center and the 8888 Citizens' Complaint Center; and
- (iii) Performance and Projects Management Office (PPMO);

WHEREAS, EO No. 62 (s. 2018) amended EO No. 01 by transferring the supervision over the National Food Authority, the Philippine Coconut Authority and the Fertilizer and Pesticides Authority from the OP to the Department of Agriculture;

WHEREAS, the transfer of agency supervision over offices under or attached to the OP to executive departments and agencies with relevant core mandates strengthens the democratic and institutional framework of the executive department by rationalizing policy formulation and project conceptualization and implementation; promoting greater efficiency, agency convergence, and participatory governance in the delivery of essential public services at the grassroots level; and eliminating roadblocks and impediments to the attainment of the Administration's ten-point socio-economic agenda;

WHEREAS, there is a need to further rationalize the OP Proper to strengthen its oversight functions over the executive department, and further streamline the relevant mandates of its own offices for improved coordination and collaboration, consistent with the right-sizing policy espoused by the Administration;