

# [ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 08, November 07, 2016 ]

## **AMENDING FURTHER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 120 (s. 2012), AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 187 (s. 2015), ON THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order (EO) No. 120 (s. 2012) constituted the Bangsamoro Transition Commission pursuant to the 2012 Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro;

**WHEREAS**, EO No. 187 (s. 2015) amended EO No. 120 to strengthen and expand the functions of the Commission and clarify that the Commission shall cease to operate upon the ratification of the Bangsamoro Basic Law in a plebiscite called for such purpose;

**WHEREAS**, in a meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 13-14 August 2016, the Implementing Panels of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) reached a consensus on the substantive aspects of the new Peace and Development Roadmap for the implementation of signed agreements;

**WHEREAS**, the Government is committed to build on the gains of the Bangsamoro peace process with a view to the drafting of a new proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law;

**WHEREAS**, to ensure inclusivity in the Bangsamoro peace process in accordance with the aforementioned Peace and Development Roadmap and bring about wider participation of stakeholders in the implementation of the signed agreements, there is a need to expand the membership and functions of the Commission

**NOW, THEREFORE I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of EO No. 120, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"SECTION 2. Composition.** The Commission shall be composed of twenty one (21) members to be appointed by the President. Out of this total membership, eleven (11) members, including the Chairperson, shall be selected from nominees of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). The Commission shall have a broad and diverse composition.

The Commission may sit *en banc* or constitute itself into divisions, as it may deem necessary for the speedy, effective and efficient performance of its functions."