

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 842, October 30, 2009]

DESIGNATING THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS (DESLA) AS ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ANTI-GRAFT COMMISSION (PAGC) CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12, SERIES OF 2001, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission (PAGC) has been strengthened several times to demonstrate the government's firm resolve to intensify its anti-corruption efforts;

WHEREAS, there is a need to further strengthen the investigation and adjudication of complaints of graft and corruption within the bureaucracy;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Memorandum Order No. 295 dated February 2, 2009, the Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs (ODESLA) was primarily tasked, inter alia, to head the Complaints and Investigation Unit (CIU) of the Internal Affairs and Complaints Committee (IACC) in the Office of the President; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to streamline the legal processes involving PAGC and the Legal Office in the Office of the President to ensure efficient, timely and coordinated action on administrative cases filed;

NOW THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order and direct:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Executive Order No. 12 is hereby further amended to include the Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs (DESLA) of the Office of the President as ex-officio Commissioner.

SECTION 2. All Executive Orders, rules, regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or otherwise modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately after it has been published in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE in the City of Manila, Philippines this 30 th day of October, 2009

**(Sgd.) GLORIA
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**

By the President:

(Sgd.) EDUARDO R.