

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 628, June 20, 2007 ]**

**CREATING A COMMITTEE ON HARMONIZATION OF VEHICLE  
STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS (CHVSR)**

WHEREAS, efficient and reliable transportation services constitute a vital supportive system to national development;

WHEREAS, the harmonization of standards and regulations pertaining to motor vehicles and its related components and equipment will enhance road safety, decrease pollution, promote energy conservation and efficiency and redound to the general welfare of the public;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the State to safeguard its citizenry, particularly passengers, drivers and pedestrians from injuries and damages caused by vehicular accidents;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 4136 or the "Land Transportation and Traffic Code" provides, among others, rules and regulations that prohibit the registration of vehicles that are unfit, unsightly, unsafe or not conforming to the prescribed minimum standards and specifications;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 4109 or the "Philippine Standardization Law" mandates the review, revision and publication of the standards every two (2) years or as the need arises to ensure substantial improvement in air quality for the health, safety and welfare of the general public;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8749 or the "Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999" likewise provides for harmonization of national emission standards with the international standards;

WHEREAS, WP 29 was established on 6 June 1952 as a Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles under the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN-ECE) and serves as the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations since March 2000 by initiating and pursuing actions aimed at the worldwide harmonization and development of technical standards and regulations for vehicles;

WHEREAS, there are three (3) Agreements under WP 29 which are in pursuance to its objectives by establishing uniform and simplified standards, procedures and regulations for reciprocal acceptance and recognition by the world community;

WHEREAS, there is a need for an inter-agency body at the national level that shall coordinate and integrate efforts and initiatives concerning harmonization of vehicle standards and regulations in the country, and prepare the country's eventual participation to the WP 29 and "accession" to its Agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order: