

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 72, February 11, 2002 ]**

**RATIONALIZING THE AGENCIES UNDER OR ATTACHED TO THE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS , public officers and government in general have the constitutional duty to serve the Filipino people with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty and efficiency;

WHEREAS , it is the policy of the Administration to improve the quality and efficiency of public service to the Filipino people by continually adopting institutional improvements and innovations in the bureaucracy and enhancing the capacity of the President to manage the Executive Department and supervise agencies requiring greater attention by the President;

WHEREAS , Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of Executive Order No. 292 dated July 25, 1987, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, provides continuing authority to the President to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President;

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. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the Administration to undertake a streamlining program to rationalize the organization and supervision of the agencies under or attached to the Office of the President.

An agency shall be placed under or attached to the department best able to provide policy or program guidance or exercise administrative supervision. An agency shall be placed under or attached to the Office of the President only if it is chaired by the President, or if its mandate or functional concerns require the immediate attention of the President, or cut across sectors or cannot be aligned with those of any of the departments, or if it renders direct staff support to the President.

Agencies created by the President which have fulfilled their mandate, or perform functions properly pertaining to other departments, agencies or local government units, or have remained dormant shall be abolished, deactivated, merged, consolidated, transferred to other departments or agencies, or their functions, positions, personnel, assets and liabilities transferred to other departments or agencies.

SECTION 2. Initial Implementation of Streamlining Program . – Agencies presently under or attached to the Office of the President listed in Annex "A" hereof shall be transferred to the corresponding departments or agencies, subject to the conditions stated therein. Within thirty (30) days from the issuance of this Executive Order, the Chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council shall submit his recommendations to the Presidential Committee on Effective Governance (PCEG) regarding the rationalization of agencies transferred to it.