[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 54, November 07, 2001]

DIRECTING THE TRANSFER OF ASSETS, RECORDS, FUNDS, PERSONNEL, LIABILITIES AND ALL PINATUBO-RELATED FUNCTIONS, TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PINATUBO PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE UNDER THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL (HUDCC)

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 6 provided for the transfer from the Mt. Pinatubo Commission (MPC) of all lowland resettlement communities, including all assets, properties and contingent liabilities attached thereto to the HUDCC;

WHEREAS , the same directive provided for the creation of a Pinatubo Project Management Office (PPMO) attached to the HUDCC for estate management functions over the 14 lowland sites, spread all over the three Pinatubo-affected provinces of Pampanga, Tarlac and Zambales;

WHEREAS , pending the creation of the PPMO and the eventual turnover of the functions, tasks and responsibilities to HUDCC, the winding up activities of the defunct MPC, the accounting of funds and the preparation of the Terminal Report were being undertaken by a DBM-MPC Task Force ("Task Force") under the administrative supervision of the DBM pursuant to EO Nos. 4 and 13;

WHEREAS , in order for the PPMO to be more effective and efficient as a separate unit attached to HUDCC, there is a need for the transfer of personnel, balances of funds and all non-resettlement functions from the Task Force to the PPMP, including the on-going projects and activities.

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

SECTION 1. All assets, properties, records, funds, personnel, liabilities and all other functions, tasks and responsibilities of the Task Force shall be transferred to the Pinatubo Project Management Office (PPMO) attached to the HUDCC.

SEC 2. The PPMO shall undertake the estate management functions over the resettlement sites transferred to HUDCC and all other non-resettlement functions, such as funds accounting, closing of books of accounts, turnover of facilities, properties and equipment, and the preparation of the Terminal Report of the defunct MPC.

SEC 3. The DBM shall assist in the creation of the PPMO. To provide continuity, the initial staff of the PPMO shall be composed of the incumbent personnel of the Task Force, as recommended by the DBM. The DBM shall also assist the HUDCC in the creation of plantilla positions and the provision of operating funds for the PPMP.

SEC 4. All balances of Pinatubo (TFP-101) funds shall be deemed transferred to the PPMO to cover the implementation of on-going residual works, including the