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TRANSFERRING THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (SPDA) FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND RECONSTITUTING THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WHEREAS, the Southern Philippines Development Administration was created under Presidential Decree No. 690 to accelerate the development of Mindanao, Palawan and the Sulu archipelago; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to place the SPDA under the Ministry of Human Settlements for closer administrative supervision and to reconstitute the composition of the Board of Directors to make it a more effective agency for development in Southern Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct:

SECTION 1. The Southern Philippines Development Administration created under Presidential Decree No. 690 is hereby transferred from the Office of the President to the Ministry of Human Settlements.

SECTION 2. The Board of Directors of the SPDA is hereby reconstituted as follows:

- a) The Minister of Human Settlements shall be the chairman of the Board of Directors;
- b) The President shall appoint four regular members of the Board;
- c) The two chairmen of the Lupong Tagapagpaganap Ng Pook of Region IX and XII and the two chairmen of the Regional Development Councils of Regions X and XI shall be ex-officio members of the Board.

SECTION 3. All decrees, orders, instructions, rules or regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(SGD.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS** *President of the Philippines*