

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 160, February 03, 2005]

DIRECTING THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONCERNED TO ASSIST THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE HOSTING OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION ASSEMBLY IN THE PHILIPPINES IN APRIL 2005

WHEREAS, the Philippine Congress, led by the Senate of the Philippines, will host the 112th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly and Related Meetings on April 3 to 8, 2005; **WHEREAS**, the holding of said IPU will bring international prestige, publicity, goodwill, and economic benefit to the country; **WHEREAS**, the hosting by the Philippines of the prestigious international event will positively project the country as a competitive tourist and convention destination, and will ultimately redound to more substantial economic benefits; **WHEREAS**, it is essential for the executive department and other government agencies concerned to play a part in the preparations for the IPU Assembly; **NOW, THEREFORE I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me be law, do hereby order: **SECTION 1.** The Department Secretaries/Heads of the following government agencies are hereby directed to closely coordinate with and assist the Senate of the Philippines in the preparations for the hosting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly to ensure the successful conduct of the same:

- a. Department of Tourism
- b. Department of Budget and Management
- c. Department of the Interior and Local Government
- d. Department of Transportation and Communication
- e. Department of Public Works and Highways
- f. Office of the Press Secretary
- g. Metropolitan Manila Development Authority
- h. Philippine National Police
- i. Manila International Airport Authority
- j. Philippine International Convention Center
- k. Cultural Center of the Philippines
- l. Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation
- m. Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office
- n. Philippine National Construction Corporation
- o. Philippine Reclamation Authority

SEC. 2. The agencies above mentioned shall assist the Senate of the Philippines to ensure that all the requirements for the event are attended to and that the economic advantages of the event are maximized through a concerted and cost effective country team approach. Other departments, bureaus or offices of the Government, including government-owned and controlled corporations, may be