

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 838, October 22, 2009]

CREATING A SPECIAL NATIONAL PUBLIC RECONSTRUCTION COMMISSION TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE CAUSES, COSTS AND ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN THE WAKE OF TYPHOONS ONDOY, PEPENG AND FRANK, TO SEEK FRESH AIDS TO FUND RECONSTRUCTION AND TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR THE FOREGOING PURPOSES

WHEREAS, given that the magnitude of the damage, devastation and adverse impact that typhoons Ondoy, Pepeng and Frank brought to the Philippines, including adverse effects on the health and well-being of the population, food production and industrialization process, is unprecedented;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Philippine Government to adopt urgent and effective measures to bring about the reconstruction of the areas and industries, and to address the needs of the population, affected by the foregoing recent calamities;

WHEREAS, considering the constraints imposed on the fiscal capacity of the Philippine Government by the global financial crisis, there is a need to tap the resources of the private sector for the foregoing reconstruction efforts to address the continuing emergency brought about by the foregoing recent calamities;

NOW THEREFORE I, GLORIA M. ARROYO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Creation and Composition.* — There is hereby created a Special National Public Reconstruction Commission ("Public Commission") with the Secretary of Finance as head and the Secretaries supervising the National Disaster Coordinating Council, Department of Social Welfare and Development, and Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council as members.

SECTION 2. *Secretariat.* — The National Economic and Development Authority and the Office of Civil Defense shall form the Secretariat of the Public Commission, headed by a Secretary-General.

SECTION 3. *Key Tasks.* — The Public Commission is hereby mandated:

- (1) To undertake a study of the causes, costs and actions to be taken in the wake of typhoons Ondoy, Pepeng and Frank;
- (2) To undertake the rehabilitation of damaged infrastructure and other urgent measures that must be undertaken for the reconstruction of the areas and industries, and the population, affected by the foregoing recent calamities;