

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 196, November 15, 2005]

DELINEATING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ON REVENUE ENHANCEMENT

WHEREAS, the government has launched an intensified campaign to enhance revenue collections and institute measures to plug tax leakages, as well as a crackdown on tax cheaters;

WHEREAS, in line with the above-mentioned government aims, the President has appointed a Presidential Adviser for Revenue Enhancement;

WHEREAS, there is a need to clearly delineate the functions and authorities of the Presidential Adviser on Revenue Enhancement to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness.

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

SECTION 1. The Presidential Adviser on Revenue Enhancement is authorized to:

- a. Recommend policies, as well as rules and regulations to enhance the revenue collections of the National Government including, but not limited, to (i) collection of taxes by the Bureau of Internal Revenues; and (ii) collection of customs duties by the Bureau of Customs;
- b. Recommend the creation of such committees or task force bodies as may be necessary to catalyze, identify and unclog bottle necks both at policy and procedural levels; and
- c. Recommend the investigation and prosecution of public officials and/or private persons involved or suspected of involvement in tax violations to the appropriate government agencies of the government.

SECTION 2. All government agencies are hereby enjoined to extend assistance as may be needed in discharging the duties and functions contemplated herein.