

**[ MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 102, May 17, 2003 ]**

**DIRECTING THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
COORDINATING COUNCIL (HUDCC) TO DIRECTLY OVERSEE AND  
FAST-TRACK THE IMPLEMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF  
HOUSING PROJECTS IN AREAS PROCLAIMED AS HOUSING SITES**

WHEREAS, one of the Administration's priority concerns is the provision of houses to deserving homeless Filipinos;

WHEREAS, in line with this priority concern, the Administration has launched a program to ensure that lands proclaimed as housing sites are disposed of to the intended beneficiaries in the most expeditious, equitable and participatory manner;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 74 dated September 13, 2002 directed the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) to formulate and adopt certain guidelines and implement post-proclamation activities in the areas proclaimed as socialized housing sites;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 131 issued on October 1, 2002 declared open for disposition for socialized housing purposes certain government-owned lands defined under Republic Act No. 7279, otherwise known as the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992;

WHEREAS, several other areas have been proclaimed by the President as housing sites for the benefit of their informal settler occupants, military personnel, government employees and other sectors who are in dire need of housing; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for a dedicated government agency that will oversee and administer the immediate execution of these major housing projects in order to ensure their early completion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order and direct the following:

*SECTION 1.* The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) is hereby directed and authorized to directly oversee and fast-track, through appropriate project schemes and contractual arrangements, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations, the implementation and development of housing projects in the areas proclaimed as housing sites, such as the Lungsod Silangan Townsite Reservation, AFP Off-Base Housing sites, Southern Philippines Development Authority (SPDA) properties, Department of Science and Technology-Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST-ITDI) Employees Housing, and other similarly proclaimed housing areas.

*SECTION 2.* In pursuance of its specific mandate under this Order, the HUDCC shall perform the following powers and functions: