

[**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 103, MAY 17, 2002, May 17, 2002**]

**DIVIDING REGION IV INTO REGION IV-A AND REGION IV-B,
TRANSFERRING THE PROVINCE OF AURORA TO REGION III AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 4 of the Constitution provides that the President shall exercise general supervision over local government units;

WHEREAS, the administrative regions were established to promote efficiency in the Government, accelerate social and economic development and improve public services;

WHEREAS, to further accelerate the social and economic development of the provinces and cities comprising Region IV and improve the delivery of public services, there is a need to divide Region IV and transfer the Province of Aurora to Region III.

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. Region IV is hereby divided into Region IV-A and Region IV-B.

SECTION 2. Region IV-A shall be known as CALABARZON and shall be composed of the following provinces and cities:

- a. Provinces
 - i. Batangas
 - ii. Cavite
 - iii. Laguna
 - iv. Quezon
 - v. Rizal
- b. Cities
 - i. Antipolo City
 - ii. Batangas City
 - iii. Calamba City
 - iv. Cavite City
 - v. Lipa City