

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 69, March 29, 2012]

STRENGTHENING THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR

WHEREAS, Section 10, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that “Urban or rural poor dwellers shall not be evicted nor their dwellings demolished, except in accordance with law and in a just and humane manner;”

WHEREAS, on 29 September 2011 , the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) issued an “Advisory on the Right to Adequate Housing and Humane Treatment of Informal Settlers;”

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 82 (s. 1986), as amended, created the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP) under the Office of the President (OP) to coordinate the speedy implementation of government policies and programs for the urban poor;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order (AO) No. 111 (s. 1989) directed concerned government departments, agencies and offices to coordinate with PCUP and actively participate in tri-sectoral dialogues and activities concerning the urban poor;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7279 otherwise known as the “Urban Development and Housing Act (UDHA) of 1992,” requires local government units (LGUs), in coordination with PCUP, to afford program beneficiaries an opportunity to be heard and to participate in the decision-making process over matters involving the protection and promotion of their collective interests;

WHEREAS, Section 28 of RA No. 7279 and its implementing rules and regulations uphold the constitutionally-guaranteed rights of the homeless and underprivileged citizens;

WHEREAS, EO No. 152 (s. 2002), as amended by EO No. 708 (s. 2008), directed PCUP to monitor all demolition and eviction activities involving the homeless and underprivileged citizens;

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen the mandate of PCUP to achieve the strict observance of the law and the Ten-Point Covenant of the President with the urban poor;

WHEREAS, EO No. 364 (s. 2004) placed PCUP under the supervision and control of the Department of Land Reform (DLR), now known as the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) by virtue of EO No. 456 (s. 2005). However, the concerns of the urban poor go beyond undertaking a continuing program of land reform and housing and shall therefore include the totality of all factors for decent living and support services designed to alleviate the plight of the urban poor; and

WHEREAS, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987 provides for the continuing authority of the President to reorganize the administrative structure of the OP.