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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79

CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER FOR STRATEGIC PROJECTS AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

WHEREAS, there is a need to find timely and effective solutions to problems impeding the implementation and completion of strategic development projects throughout the country;

WHEREAS, some of the strategic projects have been encountering serious delays;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to provide for an office which shall assume the primary responsibility for ensuring on a full-time basis the effective and timely implementation of specific strategic projects;

WHEREAS, under Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President.

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. Creation. – The Office of the Presidential Adviser for Strategic Projects (OPASP) is hereby created under the Office of the President, to be headed by the Presidential Adviser for Strategic Projects (PASP) who shall have the rank and emoluments of a Cabinet Secretary.

SECTION 2. Mandate. – The PASP shall oversee and supervise the effective and timely implementation and completion of strategic projects as the President may assign.

When the President assigns a strategic project to the PASP, the PASP shall be the representative of the Government in the oversight and supervision of the said strategic project up until its completion. The concerned Government agency institutionally in charge of the project shall be placed under the oversight and supervision of the PASP with respect to the said project to ensure its smooth implementation.

For purposes of this Executive Order, “strategic projects” shall refer to highly crucial projects such as, but not limited to, infrastructure projects, foreign-assisted projects and other programs determined as such by the President.



SECTION 3. Powers and Functions of the Presidential Adviser for Strategic Projects. – Pursuant to its mandate, the PASP shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- a. Advise the President on matters relative to the effective and timely implementation of strategic projects assigned;
- b. Review all aspects related to the strategic projects, recommend short-term and long-term measures, and take the appropriate action to address critical policy, institutional, implementation and operational issues and concerns relative to the strategic projects;
- c. Oversee and supervise the implementation and completion of the strategic projects;
- d. Call upon any agency of the Government for such assistance as may be necessary to address problems affecting the strategic projects;
- e. Prepare and submit periodic reports to the President on the status of the strategic projects; and
- f. Perform such other functions as the President may direct.

SECTION 4. Technical and Administrative Support. – The PASP shall be assisted by an Undersecretary and an Assistant Secretary and shall establish and maintain a Secretariat which shall provide technical and administrative support to the PASP. The PASP is hereby authorized to formulate the organizational structure of its Secretariat and engage the services of consultants as may be approved by the President of the Philippines.

SECTION 5. Funding. – Funding for the initial operations of the OPASP shall be taken from such available sources as may be determined by the Department of Budget and Management. Appropriations for the succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget proposal for the Office of the President.

SECTION 6. Repeal. – All orders, rules, regulations and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.



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SECTION 7. Effectivity. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

City of Manila, March 11, 2002.

By the President:

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Executive Secretary

