MALACAÑANG Manila

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 43

CREATING A NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND DESIGNATING MEMBERS THEREOF FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ANTI-TERRORISM AND TOURISM RECOVERY

WHEREAS, terrorism poses a serious challenge to the peace and security of the country as well as of the international community;

WHEREAS, the Government is determined to sustain and redouble its efforts pursuant to its commitment to the global war against terrorism;

WHEREAS, as a measure of preparedness against terrorism and by way of support to the international campaign against all forms of terrorism, the Government has offered to host the International Conference on Anti-Terrorism and Tourism Recovery on 08-09 November 2002 in Manila, Philippines;

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 the following:

SECTION 1. Constitution of a National Organizing Committee. A National Organizing Committee is hereby created to ensure the successful conduct of the International Conference on Anti-Terrorism and Tourism Recovery. The National Organizing Committee shall be composed of the following officials of the government:

Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs - Chairman Secretary, Department of Tourism - Co-Chair National Security Council Adviser - Co-Chair Secretary, Department of National Defense - Member Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government - Member Presidential Adviser on Strategic

Concerns - Member
DFA Undersecretary Lauro L. Baja, Jr. - Member
DOT Undersecretary Evelyn B. Pantig - Member

NSC Deputy Director General - Member

The National Organizing Committee is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the Government for any assistance it may need in the discharge of its duties and functions.



SECTION 2. Working Committees. The National Organizing Committee shall create working committees and designate the members thereof from their respective departments and other departments/agencies, as may be necessary, to ensure the success of the International Conference on Anti-Terrorism and Tourism Recovery.

SECTION 3. Secretariat. The Secretariat of the National Organizing Committee shall be designated from among its member departments.

SECTION 4. Funds. The amount of FOUR MILLION (P4,000,000.00) PESOS, is hereby authorized to be released chargeable against the Office of the President, to be disbursed exclusively for purposes of the conference subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 7th day of November, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and two.

By the President:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO Executive Secretary

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