

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 508**

**ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE CABINET OFFICER FOR PRESIDENTIAL ENGAGEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 708 dated 27 July 1981 reorganized the Office of the President and included the Presidential Appointments Office;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 335 dated 19 July 2004 created the Office of the Cabinet Officer for Provincial Events (COPE);

**WHEREAS**, Memorandum-Order No. 162 dated 4 March 2005 revised the functions and title of the COPE to be known as the Cabinet Officer for Presidential Engagements with the primary function of Appointments Secretary;

**WHEREAS**, Administrative Order No. 138 dated 13 January 2006 rationalized the Office of the Presidential Chief of Staff and provided that the Chief of Staff shall oversee the Appointments Office;

**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.** The COPE is hereby abolished.

**SECTION 2.** The Presidential Appointments Office shall be headed by a senior official of appropriate rank and shall be under the supervision and control of the Presidential Chief of Staff.

**SECTION 3.** All orders, rules, regulations and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 4.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2006.

By the President:



**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary

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