

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 509**

**REORGANIZING THE TASK FORCE ON ANTI-SMUGGLING**

**WHEREAS**, the elimination of smuggling and other acts contrary to customs laws remains among the top priorities of the government as such acts deprive the government of much-needed revenues and unfairly compete with legitimate businesses;

**WHEREAS**, the utilization of government resources in its campaign against smuggling needs to be optimized;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 385 (s. 2004) created a Task Force on Anti-Smuggling to combat large scale smuggling;

**WHEREAS**, the Administrative Code of 1987 provides that the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the Office of the President and to transfer functions from one department or agency to another;

**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 Commissioner of Customs is hereby designated Head of the Task Force on Anti-Smuggling, with the following as Members:

Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines  
Chief, Philippine National Police (PNP)  
Director, National Bureau of Investigation  
Chief State Prosecutor, National Prosecution Service  
Commandant, Philippine Coast Guard  
General Manager, Philippine Ports Authority  
Director General, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency  
**Chief, Criminal Investigation and Detection Group of the PNP**

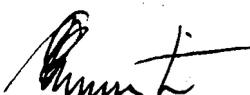
**Section 2.** All executive issuances or portions thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

**Section 3.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

**Done** in the City of Manila, this 15th of March in the Year of the Lord, Two

By the President:



  
**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary

