

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 521**

**ABOLISHING THE NATIONAL HEALTH PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 205 dated 31 January 2000 created a National Health Planning Committee;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to strengthen line accountabilities rather than dilute them through a proliferation of interagency committees;

**NOW, THEREFORE I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1.** The National Health Planning Committee created by Executive Order No. 205 is hereby abolished.

**SECTION 2.** The Secretary of Health shall steer the implementation of health reforms. He shall formulate the blueprint for implementing health sector reforms throughout the country in accordance with the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan for 2004-2010.

**SECTION 3.** Executive Order No. 205 is hereby repealed.

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

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and six.

*Gloria Arroyo*

By the President:

*Eduardo R. Ermita*

**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary

