MALACAÑAN PALACE

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 697

PLACING THE OFFICE ON THE MUSLIM AFFAIRS UNDER THE OVERSIGHT OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ON THE PEACE PROCESS AND REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 517 DATED MARCH 20, 2006

I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of my continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President, do hereby order:

Section 1. The Office on Muslim Affairs (OMA) is hereby placed under the oversight of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP).

Section 2. The Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process shall, whenever appropriate and necessary, institute reforms and direct and/or manage projects to align OMA with the government's thrust for peace and development.

Section 3. Executive Order No. 517 dated March 20, 2006 is hereby repealed.

Section 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 18th day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

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By the President:

EDUARDO R. ERMITA

Executive Secretary