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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 114

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT, FEDERATION OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS, TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN NEDA BOARD AND NEDA-ICC MEETINGS

WHEREAS, Section 14, Article X of the Constitution provides that the regional development councils (RDCs) shall be constituted for purposes of administrative decentralization and to accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the local government units (LGUs) in the region;

WHEREAS, there is need to harmonize the thrusts, plans and programs of the RDCs with central government at the highest level of decision-making, particularly at NEDA Board meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby authorize the President of the Federation of Regional Development Councils (FRDC) to attend the NEDA Board as well as the NEDA Investment Coordinating Committee meetings, and participate in its discussions. For this purpose, the NEDA Secretariat is hereby directed to invite the President of the FRDC to attend NEDA Board as well as NEDA-ICC meetings.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this $_{29}^{\text{td}}$ ay of $_{\text{August}}$, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

By the President:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Executive Secretary

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