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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 96

EXPRESSING CONCURRENCE IN COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS RESOLUTION NOS. 6049 AND 6050 BOTH DATED APRIL 11, 2003

Pursuant to Article IX(C), Section 2(4), of the 1987 Constitution, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, do hereby concur in Resolution Nos. 6049 and 6050, both dated April 11, 2003, of the Commission on Elections entitled: "DEPUTATION OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, IN CONNECTION WITH THE APRIL 26, 2003 RECALL ELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR RAMIL J. LOPEZ OF AGOO, LA UNION" and "IN THE MATTER OF DEPUTIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING FREE, ORDERLY, HONEST, PEACEFUL AND CREDIBLE CONDUCT OF THE APRIL 26, 2003 RECALL ELECTION OF VICE-MAYOR RAMIL J. LOPEZ OF AGOO, LA UNION

The national and local officials and employees, law enforcement agencies, and other instrumentalities, including the Armed Forces of the Philippines, are hereby directed to coordinate and cooperate with the Commission on Elections in the performance of its duties and functions.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 21stday of April in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and three.

By the President:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Executive Secretary

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