

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23

CREATING THE NATIONAL ANTI-CRIME COMMISSION
AND OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, enhanced coordination between and among agencies engaged in the fight against criminality will lead to improved effectiveness and efficiency in the government's efforts to maintain peace and order;

WHEREAS, under the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the Office of the President.

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

SECTION 1. *Creation.* – There is hereby created a National Anti-Crime Commission (NACC) under the Office of the President. As its main function, the NACC shall formulate policies, develop modes for coordination and monitor implementation with regard to efforts in preventing and combating crime.

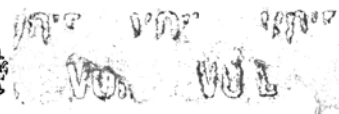
SECTION 2. *Composition.* – The NACC shall be composed of the following:

Secretary of Justice	Chairman
Secretary of the Interior and Local Government	Member
Secretary of National Defense	Member
National Security Adviser	Member
Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines	Member
Director-General, Philippine National Police	Member
Director, National Bureau of Investigation	Member
Chief State Prosecutor, National Prosecution Service	Member
3 private sector representatives	Members

The private sector representatives shall be appointed by the President.

SECTION 3. *Powers of the NACC.* – In pursuit of its main function as provided in Section 1 hereof, the NACC shall have the following powers:

1. Adopt interactive operating modes designed to effect maximum coordination and implementation to achieve the objectives of effective crime fighting and prevention with utmost economy and efficiency;



2. In line with the broad policies of the National Peace and Order Council (NPOC) and the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), formulate plans to coordinate, integrate and supervise measures aimed at preventing or suppressing all crimes and their resolution;
3. Direct the conduct of anti-crime operations of law enforcement agencies as may be ordered by the President or as may be agreed upon by the Commission;
4. Cause or direct the immediate investigation and speedy prosecution of cases involving heinous offenses, as well as other cases that the President may refer to it from time to time, and monitor the progress of such cases;
5. Transfer the conduct of investigation of specific cases from one law enforcement agency to another;
6. Establish a criminal data-base system, integrating the existing systems of the member agencies;
7. Prepare and implement a fast-track anti-crime action agenda and adopt appropriate measures to ensure an effective and efficient anti-crime drive;
8. Grant monetary rewards and incentives to informants who are willing to give vital information to build up cases for the prosecution of criminal offenders;
9. Recommend the inclusion of vital witnesses under the Witness Protection, Security and Benefit Program administered by the Secretary of Justice under Republic Act No. 6981, otherwise known as the Witness Protection, Security and Benefit Act;
10. Call upon any department, bureau, office or other executive agency for assistance; and
11. Exercise such other functions and powers as may be assigned by the President.

The NACC is hereby directed to exercise its power covered under paragraph 3 hereof to address reported incidents of urban kidnappings.

Section 4. Secretariat. – There is hereby established a Secretariat of the NACC at the Office of the President. The Secretariat shall provide administrative support to the Commission. The Secretariat shall be headed by an Executive Director to be appointed by the President.

Section 5. Inter-Agency Task Forces. – The NACC may create Inter-Agency Task Forces, subject to the approval of the President, to carry out its power covered under paragraph 1 of Section 3 hereof.

The Inter-Agency Task Forces to be created may be composed of selected personnel from the PNP, NBI, AFP, and Prosecutors from the NPS to be selected by the NACC. The Inter-Agency Task Forces shall be provided intelligence support by the



PNP, NBI, other law enforcement agencies and the AFP through its intelligence service (ISAFP).

Section 6. Streamlining of Anti-Crime Bodies. – The NACC shall conduct an assessment of anti-crime bodies created by executive issuances with the end in view of recommending to the President their retention, abolition or reconstitution as Task Forces of the NACC.

Section 7. Concerned Government Agencies. – The PNP, NBI, other law enforcement agencies and the AFP under special circumstances shall serve as the implementing arms of the specific plans, programs, strategies, measures and thrusts adopted by the NACC.

The concerned agencies shall remain principally responsible for their respective mandates under their charters and as provided under special laws.

Section 8. Implementing Rules and Guidelines. – The NACC shall adopt such rules and operating guidelines, subject to the approval of the President, as are necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of this Executive Order.

Section 9. Funding. – The NACC shall be provided with an initial allocation of TWENTY MILLION PESOS (P20,000,000.00) to be drawn from the Office of the President.

Section 10. Repeal. – All orders, rules, regulations and issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 11. Effectivity. – This Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

City of Manila, July 6, 2001.

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By the President:

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