

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 67

DIRECTING THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO COORDINATE AND OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE AND RESPONSIVE PHILIPPINE PLATFORM OF ACTION ON GENDER, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, the Women in Development and Nation-Building Act (RA 7192) mandates the active participation of women and women's organization in development programs;

WHEREAS, the UN General Assembly Special Session on Beijing +5 identifies science and technology as an important area for the full implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action;

WHEREAS, there is a need for an effective mechanism to undertake the integration of all efforts in the promotion of gender mainstreaming in science and technology.

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. The Secretary, Department of Science and Technology shall, in addition to her regular duties, perform the following functions:

- a. Enhance the coordination of all agencies and organizations involved in gender mainstreaming in science and technology, and pursue the integration of gender and development efforts in science and technology nationwide;
- b. Prepare and oversee the implementation of a comprehensive and responsive Philippine Platform of Action on Gender, Science and Technology;
- c. Adopt/set policies that will promote effective mainstreaming of women in science and technology at all levels, to include advocacy/information/education and the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation system;
- d. Encourage the participation of all stakeholders including public and private sectors in implementation gender – responsive programs in science and technology within the context of sustainable development;



- e. Enhance cooperation with other national committees in the Asia-Pacific region through networking, exchange of information and best practices and setting up of gender databases in science and technology, and;
- f. Formulate implementing rules and regulations as maybe necessary to carry out its functions.

SEC 2. The Secretary is hereby authorized to call on any department, bureau or agency of the government including local government units and government-owned and controlled corporations for assistance as may be needed in the accomplishment of the task.

SEC 3. The funds required to pursue the foregoing functions and activities shall be drawn from the 5% Gender and Development (GAD) budget allocation of the Department of Science and Technology as provided for in Section 27 of the 1995 General Appropriations Act (RA 7845).

SEC 4. This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 7th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.

J. Marrozo



By the President:

Alberto G. Romulo
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 Executive Secretary




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