

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 153

ESTABLISHING A TRANSITION MECHANISM FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE PEACE PROCESS PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUCCESSOR OF THE NATIONAL UNIFICATION COMMISSION

Considering that the National Unification Commission (NUC) ends its official term on July 31, 1993, there is an urgent need to sustain the momentum of the peace process until the institutionalization of the administrative structure for carrying out the comprehensive peace process.

To achieve the foregoing objective, it is hereby directed that

- 1 The Secretary of Justice shall perform the duties and functions of the Acting Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (APAPP). He shall act as the lead person to oversee the continuation of the on-going activities relating to the peace process. This shall include the following:
 - 1.1 Processing of the results of the NUC nationwide consultation;

Operationalization of the NUC recommendations for the pursuit of a comprehensive peace process; and

Winding up of the affairs of the NUC, and ensuring the smooth turn-over of NUC records, assets and activities to the successor of the NUC to be hereafter created.
2. The NUC Secretariat created under Executive Order No. 19, S-92, shall continue to provide staff support services for the pursuit of the comprehensive peace process. It shall be under the direct supervision of the Secretary of Justice in his capacity as APAPP.
3. The NUC Secretariat is authorized to continue receiving, disbursing and accounting for funds released for the peace process.
4. The APAPP and Chairpersons of the Government Peace Negotiating Panels may avail of the services of consultants.

There shall be separate funding for the offices of the APAPP and the Government Peace Negotiating Panels which shall be drawn from the President's Contingent or Confidential Fund.

Until such funds are released, the NUC Secretariat shall advance funding support from its own budget for the operations of the Panels, subject to reimbursement.

Until the creation of its successor, the NUC Secretariat shall provide general staff support services for all the Panels.

All heads of executive departments and line agencies shall be furnished with this Memorandum Order for implementation and dissemination by all their national and local offices.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

Manila, July 30, 1993.



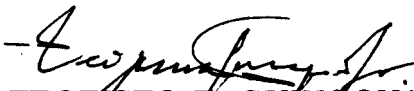
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