

**MALACAÑANG**  
Manila

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**MEMORANDUM ORDER No. 273**

**DIRECTING THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONCERNED TO ASSIST THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE HOSTING OF THE FIRST GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARY MEETING ON HIV/AIDS IN THE PHILIPPINES ON NOVEMBER 28 TO 30, 2007**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Congress, led by the Senate of the Philippines, will host the First Global Parliamentary Meeting on HIV/AIDS on November 28 to 30, 2007;

**WHEREAS**, the holding of said meeting will bring international prestige, publicity, goodwill, and economic benefit to the country;

**WHEREAS**, the hosting by the Philippines of the prestigious international event will positively project the country as a competitive tourist and convention destination, and will ultimately redound to more substantial economic benefits;

**WHEREAS**, it is essential for the executive department and other government agencies concerned to play part in the preparations for the event.

**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 Department Secretaries/Heads of the following government agencies are hereby directed to closely coordinate with and assist the Senate of the Philippines in the preparations for the hosting of the First Global Parliamentary Meeting on HIV/AIDS to ensure the successful conduct of the same:

- a. Bureau of Immigration
- b. Cultural Center of the Philippines
- c. Department of Budget and Management
- d. Department of Foreign Affairs
- e. Department of Health
- f. Department of the Interior and Local Government
- g. Department of Public Works and Highways
- h. Department of Transportation and Communications
- i. Department of Tourism



- j. Manila International Airport Authority
- k. Metropolitan Manila Development Authority
- l. Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation
- m. Philippine Charity Sweepstakes
- n. Philippine National Police

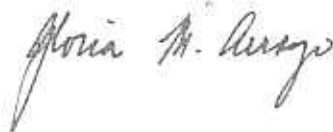
**SEC. 2.** The agencies abovementioned shall assist the Senate of the Philippines to ensure that all the requirements for the event are attended to and that the economic advantages of the event are maximized through a concerted and cost effective country team approach.

Other departments, bureaus or offices of the Government, including government-owned and controlled corporations, may be called upon to render assistance as the Senate of the Philippines may need in the preparations for the hosting of this event.

The funds needed by the abovementioned agencies or officers thereof to assist in the preparations for this event shall be taken from the respective budgets of the agencies concerned.

**SEC. 3.** This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of **October**, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.



By the President:



**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary



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