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TO : Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries
The Prosecutor General
The Chief State Counsel
Heads of Bureaus, Commissions and
Offices attached to the DOJ
All Concerned

SUBJECT : Executive Order No. 24 dated 16 May 2017

DATE : JUN 14 2017

Attached is a photocopy of Executive Order No. 24 signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on 16 May 2017 entitled, "**REORGANIZING THE CABINET CLUSTERS SYSTEM BY INTEGRATING GOOD GOVERNANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION IN THE POLICY FRAMEWORKS OF ALL THE CLUSTERS AND CREATING THE INFRASTRUCTURE CLUSTER AND PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE CLUSTER**".

Please take note that the DOJ is a member of the **Participatory Governance Cluster** and **Security, Justice and Peace Cluster**.

For information, guidance and appropriate action.


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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24

REORGANIZING THE CABINET CLUSTERS SYSTEM BY INTEGRATING GOOD GOVERNANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION IN THE POLICY FRAMEWORKS OF ALL THE CLUSTERS AND CREATING THE INFRASTRUCTURE CLUSTER AND PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE CLUSTER

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article X of the 1987 Philippine Constitution promotes the right of the people and their organizations to effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making;

WHEREAS, EO No. 43 (s. 2011) created and organized the Cabinet Clusters to serve as a venue and mechanism for coordination, harmonization, complementation, and synergy among the executive departments and other Government instrumentalities, identifying therein the chair, members, and secretariat for each of the five (5) Cabinet Clusters;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 07 (s. 2016) designated the Secretary of National Defense as the Chairperson of the Security, Justice and Peace Cluster;

WHEREAS, the government's infrastructure development initiative aims to contribute to inclusive growth and poverty reduction, and to promote safe, efficient, reliable, cost-effective, resilient and sustainable infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the government aims to regain people's trust in public institutions and cultivate trust among fellow Filipinos, which could be achieved by streamlining and reengineering the efforts of the various Executive Departments;

WHEREAS, there is a need to facilitate government efficiency and sustained economic growth through the establishment of inclusive strategies that impact the grassroots level;

WHEREAS, there is a need to re-organize Cabinet Clusters to streamline their functions and improve existing procedures to achieve a more efficient and effective integration of programs, activities and priorities;

WHEREAS, good governance and anti-corruption objectives are immutable underpinnings of every policy, program and intervention of all Cabinet Clusters;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Reorganizing the Cabinet Clusters. The Cabinet Clusters are hereby reorganized into the following: (a) Participatory Governance; (b) Infrastructure; (c) Human Development and Poverty Reduction; (d) Security, Justice and Peace; (e) Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation and Disaster Risk Reduction; and (f) Economic Development.

SECTION 2. Participatory Governance Cluster. The Participatory Governance Cluster shall exert all efforts to enhance citizen participation in governmental processes. In particular, the following goals shall be pursued:

- (a) Formulate mechanisms to enable the public to properly understand, rationalize and implement national government programs and projects based on area specific realities;
- (b) Strengthen consultation mechanisms to ensure effective implementation of national programs and projects in the local government and grassroots level; and
- (c) Propose policies, programs and projects that would foster participatory governance and build the capacities of local government units for such purpose.

The composition of the Cluster shall be as follows:

Chair: Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government

Members:

The Executive Secretary
The Cabinet Secretary
Head, Presidential Management Staff
Secretary, Department of Budget and Management
Secretary, Department of Justice
Secretary, Department of Finance
Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry
Secretary, National Economic and Development Authority
Secretary, Presidential Communications Operations Office
Chair, Commission on Higher Education
Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs
Lead Convenor, National Anti-Poverty Commission

Secretariat: Department of Budget and Management

SECTION 3. Infrastructure Cluster. The Infrastructure Cluster is hereby created to focus on infrastructure development for the realization of the 10-point Socio-Economic Agenda.

The Cluster shall pursue the following objectives:

- (a) Enhance delivery of public infrastructure by ensuring efficient and transparent management of assets and resources, focusing on both the management of assets and the shift to service-oriented approaches that enable stakeholders to become co-producers of services;
- (b) Improve the quality and reliability of public infrastructure and public investment efficiency;
- (c) Strengthen implementation capacity and budget execution of government agencies which are involved in infrastructure development; and
- (d) Ensure equitable access to infrastructure services.

The composition of the Cluster shall be as follows:

Chair: Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways

Members:

The Executive Secretary
 The Cabinet Secretary
 Head, Presidential Management Staff
 Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government
 Secretary, Department of Budget and Management
 Secretary, National Economic and Development Authority
 Secretary, Department of Transportation
 Secretary, Department of Finance
 Secretary, Department of Information and Communications
 Technology
 Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry
 Secretary, Department of Agriculture
 Secretary, Department of Health
 Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development
 Secretary, Department of Education
 Secretary, Department of Tourism

Secretariat: National Economic and Development Authority

SECTION 4. Human Development and Poverty Reduction. The Human Development and Poverty Reduction Cluster shall exert all efforts to improve the quality of life of the Filipino people through a broad-based approach in the delivery of services. The Cluster shall pursue the following goals:

- (a) Make education the central strategy for investing in people, reducing poverty and building national competitiveness;
- (b) Advance and protect public health;
- (c) Address concerns on population, reproductive health and sustainable development;
- (d) Build capacities and create opportunities among the poor and the marginalized;
- (e) Increase social protection and engage communities in their own development;

- (f) Promotion of equal gender opportunities in all spheres of public policies and programs; and
- (g) Ensure effective coordination of national government programs for poverty reduction at the local level.

The composition of the Cluster shall be as follows:

Chair: Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development

Members:

The Executive Secretary
 The Cabinet Secretary
 Head, Presidential Management Staff
 Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform
 Secretary, Department of Agriculture
 Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources
 Secretary, Department of Education
 Secretary, Department of Health
 Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment
 Secretary, Department of Budget and Management
 Secretary, National Economic and Development Authority
 Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry
 Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government
 Director General, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
 Chair, Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council
 Chair, Commission on Higher Education
 Lead Convenor, National Anti-Poverty Commission

Secretariat: National Anti-Poverty Commission

SECTION 5. Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation and Disaster Risk Reduction Cluster. The Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation and Disaster Risk Reduction Cluster shall focus on the conservation and protection of the environment and natural resources, and shall serve as a venue for discussing inter-related concerns on climate change and disaster risk management. The Cluster shall also take the lead in the effective integration of policies and programs on climate risk management, disaster risk reduction, and sustainable development. The Cluster shall pursue the following objectives:

- (a) Increase in climate change resiliency of rural communities through increased agricultural productivity, water sufficiency, food security and climate and disaster-risk resilient development;
- (b) Intensify sustainable management of natural resources through the adaptation of ridge-to-reef approach and sustainable integrated area development;

- (c) Management of natural resources through strict enforcement of, and compliance with, environmental standards and safeguards to achieve sustainable and resilient ecosystems;
- (d) Ensure inclusive, people-centered, and sector-wide disaster mitigation, preparedness and quick emergency response, recovery and rehabilitation from natural and/or human-induced emergencies; and
- (e) Promote and protect the Philippine national interest in adhering to international environmental commitments.

The Cluster shall be composed of the following:

Chair: Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Members:

The Executive Secretary
 The Cabinet Secretary
 Head, Presidential Management Staff
 Secretary, Department of Budget and Management
 Secretary, National Economic and Development Authority
 Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs
 Secretary, Department of Information and Communications
 Technology
 Secretary, Department of Finance
 Secretary, Department of Science and Technology
 Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government
 Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways
 Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development
 Secretary, Department of Agriculture
 Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform
 Secretary, Department of Energy
 Secretary, Department of National Defense
 Chair, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority
 Chair, Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council

Secretariat: Climate Change Commission

SECTION 6. Security, Justice and Peace Cluster. The Security, Justice and Peace Cluster shall ensure the preservation of national sovereignty and the rule of law; and focus on the protection and promotion of human rights and the pursuit of a just, comprehensive, and lasting peace. In particular, the Cluster shall pursue the following goals:

- (a) Protect our national territory and boundaries;
- (b) Attain a just and lasting peace;
- (c) Ensure the welfare of the Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs);
- (d) Strengthen the rule of law;
- (e) Institutionalize an efficient and impartial justice system that delivers equal justice to the rich and poor; and

- (f) Advance and protect human rights.

The Cluster shall be composed of the following:

Chair: Secretary, Department of National Defense

Members:

The Executive Secretary
The Cabinet Secretary
Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government
Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs
Secretary, Department of Justice
National Security Adviser
Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process

Secretariat: National Security Council

SECTION 7. Economic Development. The Economic Development Cluster shall focus on the promotion of rapid, inclusive, and sustained economic growth. In particular, the following goals shall be pursued:

- (a) Promote an environment conducive to the growth and competitiveness of private enterprises and the creation of jobs that will empower people and provide them with opportunities to rise above poverty;
- (b) Improve farms and rural enterprises vital to achieving food security and more equitable economic growth;
- (c) Undertake research and development that are relevant to and supportive of the requirements of micro-, small- and medium-scale enterprises and of national industries;
- (d) Improve national productivity and competitiveness of domestic products and services; and
- (e) Ensure deep and wide distribution of economic opportunities and benefits to the Filipino people.

The Cluster shall be composed of the following:

Chair: Secretary, Department of Finance

Members:

The Executive Secretary
The Cabinet Secretary
Head, Presidential Management Staff
Secretary, National Economic and Development Authority
Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry
Secretary, Department of Budget and Management
Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways
Secretary, Department of Transportation
Secretary, Department of Information and Communications
Technology
Secretary, Department of Energy

Secretary, Department of Science and Technology
Secretary, Department of Tourism
Secretary, Department of Agriculture
Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government

Secretariat: National Economic and Development Authority

The Economic Development Cluster may request the participation of the Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, as necessary.

SECTION 8. Participation of Other Cabinet Members. The Cabinet Clusters may invite or enjoin participation of other heads of departments and agencies, provided that the Secretary of the Presidential Communications Operations Office, the National Security Adviser and the Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs shall participate in all meetings of the Participatory Governance, Infrastructure, Human Development and Poverty Reduction, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation and Disaster Risk Reduction, and Economic Development Clusters.

SECTION 9. Good Governance Objectives. All Cabinet Clusters shall adopt the following objectives pertaining to good governance:

- (a) Uphold transparency in government transactions and commit to combat graft and corruption;
- (b) Strengthen the capacity of government institutions to link their respective budgets with performance outcomes and enabling citizens and civil society to monitor and evaluate the same;
- (c) Cultivate a professional, motivated and energized bureaucracy with adequate means to perform their public service missions;
- (d) Improve public sector asset and resource management and revenue performance; and
- (e) Establish an improved policy and regulatory environment that will reduce the cost of doing business in the country and improve competition.

SECTION 10. Performance and Projects Roadmap. Each Cabinet Cluster shall formulate a Performance and Projects Roadmap which shall identify critical targets including identified annual deliverables. The Cluster Roadmaps shall be aligned with the Philippine Development Plan.

The Office of the Cabinet Secretary – Performance and Projects Management Office (PPMO) shall facilitate the formulation and implementation of the comprehensive Performance and Projects Roadmaps.

SECTION 11. Cabinet Cluster System Secretariat. In order to consolidate and closely monitor the various cluster directives, instructions, and commitments under the cabinet cluster system, there shall be a Cabinet Cluster System Secretariat (CCSC) in the Office of the President which shall serve as the head secretariat of the different cluster secretariats. The CCSC shall be under the Office

of the Cabinet Secretary, headed by an Assistant Secretary and assisted by the concerned Cluster Directors of the PPMO.

SECTION 12. Repeal. Executive Order No. 43 (s. 2011) is hereby repealed. All executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. Separability. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 14. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 16th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

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By the President:

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Executive Secretary *AS*

