

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 293

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 122-C ENTITLED, "CREATING  
THE OFFICE FOR SOUTHERN CULTURAL COMMUNITIES"

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 122-C created the Office for Southern cultural Communities;

WHEREAS, there is need to clearly delineate responsibilities for policy and plan formulation and program implementation in line with the decentralization policy of Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

Section 1. Section 6 of Executive Order No. 122-C is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 6. Membership. The Office shall be composed of an Executive Director and two (2) Deputy Executive Directors, all of whom shall be appointed by the President. The Executive Director shall have the rank of a Department Undersecretary while the Deputy Executive Directors shall have the rank of an Assistant Secretary."

Section 2. Section 10 of Executive Order No. 122-C is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 10. Services. The Services shall consist of the Administrative Service, Planning Service, Finance and Management Service and Legal Service each of which shall be headed by a Staff Director with the same compensation as that of an Assistant Staff Bureau Director."

Section 3. Section 15 of Executive Order No. 122-C is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 15. Bureaus. The Bureaus of the Office shall consist of the Bureau of Economic Affairs, Bureau of Cultural Affairs and Bureau of Tribal Relations and External Affairs, each of which shall be headed by a Director equivalent to a Staff Bureau Director."

Section 4. Sections 16, 17 and 18 of Executive Order No. 122-C are hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 16. Bureau of Economic Affairs. The Bureau of Economic Affairs shall be responsible for staff functions relative to:

(a) Development and promotion of economic livelihood projects and programs through the extension of loans, entrepreneurship, trade and marketing assistance to the members of the concerned cultural communities;

(b) Formulation of land-use development policies and plans for ancestral and tribal lands including settlement areas for the cultural communities; and

(c) Conduct of researches and studies to serve as inputs to policy and plan formulation and implementation relative to the development, protection and conservation of the physical environment of the cultural minorities, including the provision of medical assistance, nutrition services, and training on community self-help projects."

"Section 17. Bureau of Cultural Affairs. The Bureau of Cultural Affairs shall be responsible for staff functions relative to:

(a) Formulation of policies, plans and programs on the preservation and development of the culture, traditions, institutions and well-being of the concerned cultural communities;

(b) Conduct of researches and studies relative to the development of the cultural communities to serve as inputs to policy and plans formulation and programs/projects implementation;

(c) Development of guidelines and procedures in the promotion of goodwill between the tribes and cultural communities and the mainstream populace; and

(d) Coordination with appropriate government agencies in the development and implementation of cultural programs and projects, to include education and scholarship programs for poor but deserving members of the cultural communities."

"Section 18. Bureau of Tribal Relations and External Affairs. The Bureau of Tribal Relations and External Affairs shall be responsible for staff functions relative to:

(a) Planning, conceptualization and monitoring of projects and activities to promote peace and harmony within, between and among the concerned cultural communities;

(b) Coordination with the different tribal institutions to strengthen the relationship and to settle disputes through the provision of advice and peaceful negotiation; and

(c) Liaison with local, international and non-government organizations in the activities of the cultural communities."

Section 5. Separability. Any portion or provision of this Executive Order that may be declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eight-seven.

*Corason B. Aquino*

By the President;

*J. P. Arroyo*  
JOKER P. ARROYO  
Executive Secretary