



Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
 Intramuros, Manila

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE
 EXPANDED MANDATE OF
 THE COMMITTEE ON THE
 BAN ON FIREARMS AND
 SECURITY PERSONNEL
 PURSUANT TO MINUTE
 RESOLUTION NO. 16-0021
 DATED JANUARY 18, 2016**

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RESOLUTION NO. 10077

WHEREAS, Minute Resolution No. 16-0021 dated January 18, 2016 has expanded the mandate of the Committee on the Ban on Firearms and Security Personnel (CBFSP) to include security issues/ concerns affecting the preparation and conduct of the May 9, 2016 National and Local Elections.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the expanded mandate of the CBFSP, it was determined and agreed upon that the components of the CBFSP would be Gun Ban Operations, Checkpoints, Country Analysis and Security Concerns relative to the preparation and conduct of the May 9, 2016 National and Local Elections;

WHEREAS, in the First Security Briefing held on 25 January 2016, several security plans particularly for communications grid, energy and power supply and voting centers were discussed;

WHEREAS, on 18 February 2016, initial discussions on the peace and order situation, NGCP tower bombing incidents and contingency planning for the 2016 National and Local Elections were conducted;

WHEREAS, on 24 February 2016, common vulnerability areas and security concerns were identified;

WHEREAS, in a meeting held on 26 February 2016, the CBFSP Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of the COMELEC, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of National Defense, set and agreed on the terminologies and parameters to be used in identifying Elections Watchlist of Areas, structure, scope, the establishment of Security Centers, and other related security concerns;

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NOW, THEREFORE, after due deliberation, the Commission RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES, to APPROVE as follows:

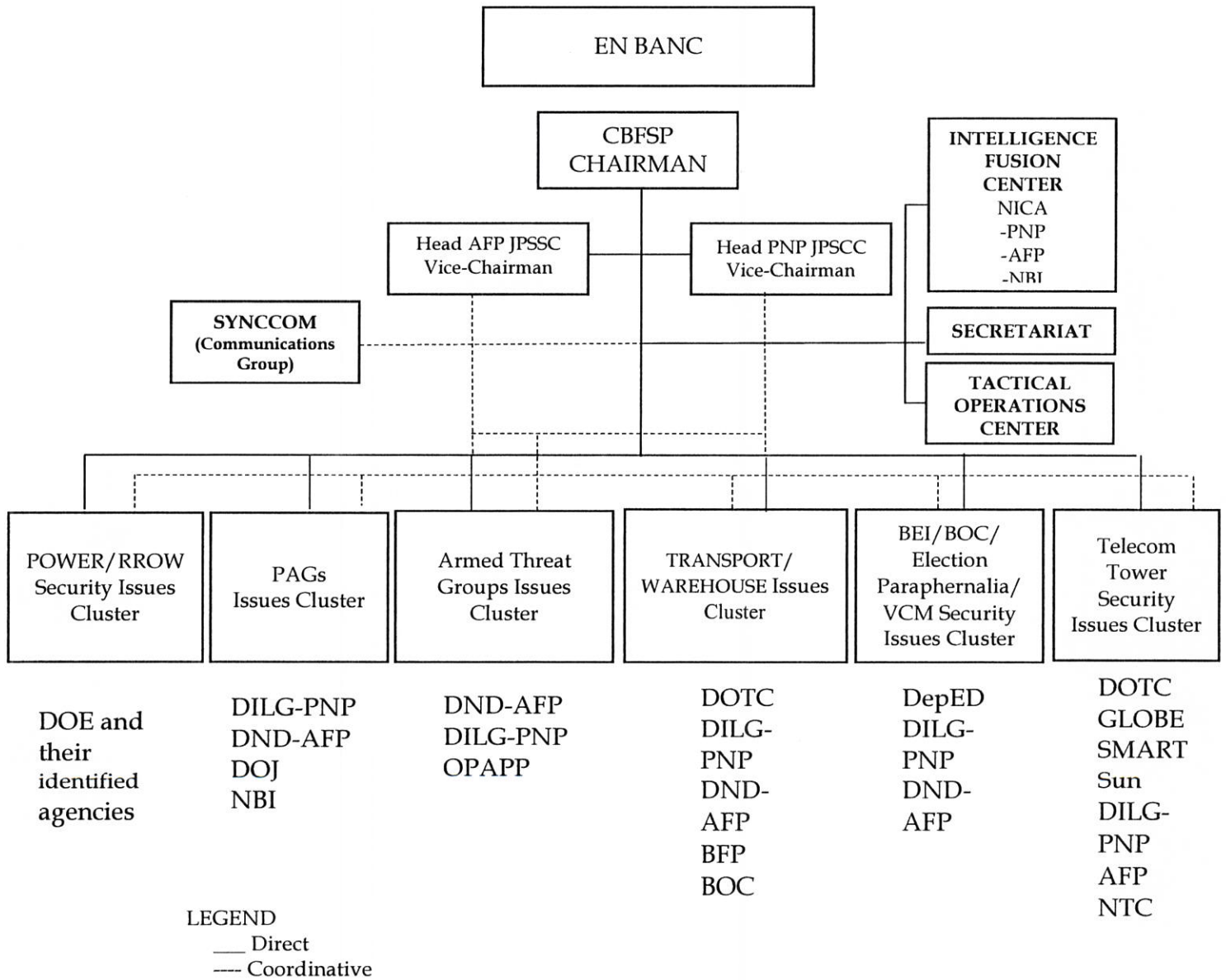
Section I. Creation of the Sub-committee on Security Concerns

A. Scope

The Sub-committee on Security Concerns shall conduct risk analysis, ascertain risk factors and vulnerabilities related to security issues/concerns affecting the conduct of the May 9, 2016 National and Local Elections, to be used in identifying Election Watchlist of Areas, and submit to the CBFSP its recommendations.

B. Structure

The Sub-committee on Security Concerns shall be composed of the following departments/agencies, to wit:



The aforementioned clusters shall have the following functions, viz:

- a. **Intelligence Fusion Center** - to recommend areas for risk analysis and/or to be included in the Election Watchlist of Areas;
- b. **Tactical Operations Center** - in charge of deployment and mobilization of AFP/PNP personnel to Election Watchlist of Areas upon the directive of CBFSP;
- c. **Synchronized Communications (Synccom)** - to act as the communications arm of the CBFSP;
- d. **POWER/Road Right of Way (RRO) Security Issues Cluster** - to conduct risk analysis, ascertain risk factors and vulnerabilities related to Power or RROW security issues, and recommend the same to the CBFSP;
- e. **Private Armed Groups (PAGs) Issues Cluster** - to conduct risk analysis, ascertain risk factors and vulnerabilities related to election-related incidents by PAGs, and recommend the same to the CBFSP;
- f. **Armed Threat Groups Issues Cluster** - to conduct risk analysis, ascertain risk factors and vulnerabilities related to election-related incidents by Armed Threat Groups, and recommend the same to the CBFSP;
- g. **Transport/ Warehouse Issues Cluster** - to conduct risk analysis, ascertain risk factors and vulnerabilities related to Transport/Warehouse/Deployment issues and recommend the same to the CBFSP;
- h. **Board of Election Inspectors (BEI)/ Board of Canvassers (BOC)/ Election Paraphernalia/ Vote Counting Machine (VCM) Security Issues Cluster** - to conduct risk analysis, ascertain risk factors and vulnerabilities related to BEI/BOC/VCM security issues, and recommend the same to the CBFSP;
- i. **Telecom Tower Security Issues Cluster** - to conduct risk analysis, ascertain risk factors and vulnerabilities related to Telecom Tower/ Infrastructure and Transmission lines security issues, and recommend the same to the CBFSP;

For the purpose of giving effect to the foregoing organizational structure, and in addition to previously deputized agencies¹, the Office of the Presidential Advisor on Peace Process (OPAPP), the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA) and such other agencies as may be further identified are hereby DEPUTIZED to perform functions related to security issues and concerns.

Section II. Identifying Election Watchlist of Areas

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¹ COMELEC Resolution Nos. 10020-10024.

The Sub-committee on Security Concerns shall use the following terminologies and parameters, viz:

Election Watchlist of Areas	
Category	Parameters
<u>Category I:</u> Election Areas of Concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of/or current intense rivalry among the contending parties. Such rivalries could motivate people to engage in violent acts. • Violence may be facilitated by the employment of Private Armed Groups (PAGs). • Abetted by loose firearms in the hands of unqualified individuals.
<u>Category II:</u> Election Areas of Immediate Concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious armed threats posed by the New People's Army (NPA), Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) and rogue elements of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), and other analogous groups.
<u>Category III:</u> Election Areas of Grave Concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factors described under Category I and II are present.
<u>Category IV:</u> COMELEC Controlled Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For this purpose, a COMELEC Resolution relative to placing some areas in the country under COMELEC control in connection with the May 9, 2016 National and Local Elections shall be adopted.

The Commission *En Banc* shall be empowered to modify the foregoing categories as may be warranted by supervening events/developments/prevaling circumstances.

Section III. Utilization of PNP as members, Special Board of Election Inspectors (SBEI).

In the exigency of service and in the event that the regular Board of Election Inspectors (BEI) cannot perform their functions due to security-related issues/concerns, the CBFSP shall recommend for approval to deputize members of the PNP to act as members of the SBEI.

Section IV. Establishment of a Security Center in Manila and Davao

Two (2) Security Centers, namely one in Manila, located in 8th Floor of Palacio Del Gobernador, Gen. Luna St. Intramuros, Manila, as the Main Office and one in Davao as a satellite office are hereby **ESTABLISHED**.

The Administrative Services Department (ASD) shall provide the necessary equipment and supplies for the setting up and for the efficient operations of the abovementioned offices.

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Section V. Appropriation

A revolving fund in the amount of fifty thousand pesos (Php 50,000.00) is hereby **APPROPRIATED** to the CBFSP Secretariat, subject to relevant Commission on Audit (COA) rules and regulations.

Let the Committee on the Ban on Firearms and Security Personnel (CBFSP) implement this Resolution.

The Education and Information Department of the Commission is directed to cause the publication of this Resolution in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines, and to furnish with copies thereof the Regional Election Directors, Provincial Election Supervisors, and Election Officers of the Commission, the PNP, the AFP and all pertinent agencies.

SO ORDERED.



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