

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9

AMENDING SECTION 1 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 67, REORGANIZING THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON THE VISITING FORCES AGREEMENT CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.199, DATED JANUARY 17, 2000

WHEREAS, the "Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United States of America Regarding the Treatment of United States Armed Forces Visiting the Philippines", hereinafter referred to as the VFA, was signed by Foreign Affairs Secretary Domingo L. Siazon, Jr., and the United States Ambassador Thomas C. Hubbard on February 10, 1998;

WHEREAS, the VFA officially took effect on June 1, 1999 after an Exchange of Notes between Secretary Siazon, Jr. and the United States Ambassador Hubbard;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 199 dated January 17, 2000 created the Presidential Commission on the Visiting Forces Agreement under the Office of the President to monitor compliance with the provisions of the VFA;

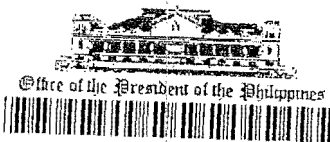
WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of 1987 empowers the President with the continuing authority to reorganize the Office of the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Section 1 of Executive Order No. 67 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. COMPOSITION. The Commission shall be composed of the following:

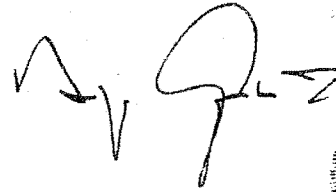
- The Executive Secretary - Chairman
- The Secretary of Foreign Affairs - Vice-Chairman
- The Secretary of National Defense - Vice-Chairman
- The Secretary of Justice - Member
- The Secretary of Social Welfare and Development - Member
- One Representative from the Private Sector to be appointed by the President - Member
- The VFACOM Executive Director - Member



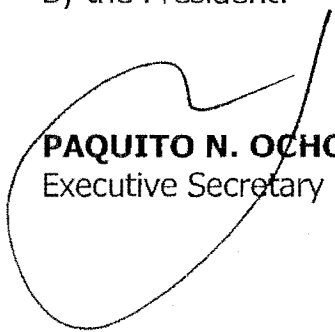
**Section 2.** All orders, rules, regulations and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 3.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 1st day of October in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.



By the President:



**PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**  
Executive Secretary

