

**MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA  
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13**

**ABOLISHING THE PRESIDENTIAL ANTI-GRAFT COMMISSION AND  
TRANSFERRING ITS INVESTIGATIVE, ADJUDICATORY AND  
RECOMMENDATORY FUNCTIONS TO THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

**WHEREAS**, this administration has a continuing mandate and advocacy to fight and eradicate corruption in the different departments, bureaus, offices and other government and instrumentalities;

**WHEREAS**, the government adopted a policy of streamlining the government bureaucracy to promote economy and efficiency in government;

**WHEREAS**, Section VII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the President shall have control of all the executive departments, bureaus, and offices;

**WHEREAS**, Section 31 Chapter 10, Title, Book III, Book III Executive Order 292 (Administrative Code of 1987) provides for the continuing authority to the President to recognize the administrative structure of the Office of the President;

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1416 (Granting Continuing Authority to the President of the Philippines to Reorganize the National Government), as amended by PD 1772, provides that the President of the Philippines shall have continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the National Government and may, at his discretion, create, abolish, group, consolidate, merge or integrate entities, agencies, instrumentalities and units of the National Government, as well as expand, amend, change or otherwise modify their powers, functions and authorities;

**WHEREAS**, Section 78 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 9970 (General Appropriations Act of 2010) authorizes the President of the Philippines to direct changes in the organizational units or key positions in any department or agency;

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

**SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.*** It is the policy of the government to fight and eradicate graft and corruption in the different departments, bureaus, offices and other government agencies and instrumentalities.

The government adopted a policy of streamlining the government bureaucracy to promote economy and efficiency in the government.

**SECTION 2. *Abolition of Presidential Anti-Graft Commission (PAGC).*** To enable the Office of the President (OP) to directly investigate graft and corrupt cases of the Presidential appointees in the Executive Department including heads of government-owned and controlled corporations, the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission (PAGC) is hereby abolished

and their vital functions, particularly the investigative, adjudicatory and recommendatory functions and other and functions inherent or incidental thereto, transferred to the office of the Deputy Secretary for Legal Affairs (ODESLA), OP in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Order.

**SECTION 3. *Reconstructing of the Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs, OP.*** In addition to the Legal and Legislative Divisions of the ODESLA, the Investigative and Adjudicatory Division shall be created.

The newly created Investigative and Adjudicatory Division shall perform the powers, functions and duties mentioned in Section 2 hereof, of PAGC,

The Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs (DESLA) will be the recommending authority to the President, thru the Executive Secretary, for approval, adoption or modification of the report and recommendations of the Investigative and Adjudicatory Division of ODESLA.

**SECTION 4. *Personnel Who May Be Affected by the Abolition of PAGC.*** The personnel who may be affected by the abolition of the PAGC shall be allowed to avail of the benefits provided under existing laws if applicable. The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is hereby ordered to release the necessary funds for the benefits of the employees.

**SECTION 5. *Winding Up of the Operation and Disposition of the Functions, Positions, Personnel, Assets and Liabilities of PAGC.*** The winding up of the operations of PAGC including the final disposition or transfer of their functions, positions, personnel, assets and liabilities as may be necessary, shall be in accordance with the applicable provision(s) of the Rules and Regulations Implementing EO 72 (Rationalizing the Agencies Under or Attached to the Office of the President) dated MARCH 15, 2002. The winding up shall be completed not later than 31 December 2010.

The Office of the Executive Secretary, with the assistance of the Department of Budget and Management, shall ensure the smooth and efficient implementation of the dispositive actions and winding-up of the activities of PAGC.

**SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.*** All executive orders, rules, regulations and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order, are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 7. *Effectivity.*** This Executive Order shall effect immediately after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 15th day of November in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

(Sgd.) **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**

By the President:

(Sgd.) **PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**  
Executive Secretary