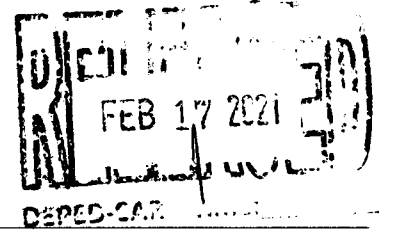




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Cordillera Administrative Region



February 17, 2021

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 064.2021

**SUPPORT TO THE REGIONAL TASK FORCE TO END LOCAL COMMUNIST
ARMED CONFLICT (RTF-ELCAC)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
SGOD Chiefs and CID Chiefs
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 70, s. 2018 - Institutionalizing the Whole-of-Nation Approach in attaining Inclusive and Sustainable Peace, Creating a National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, and directing the adoption of National Peace Framework, likewise, in support to RDC-RPOC Joint Resolutions No. 32 and No. 37, series 2019, all Schools Division Offices are enjoined to support the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC).
2. Relative to this, each Schools Division Office shall create a permanent Division ELCAC Committee with the Schools Division Superintendent as lead representative or chairperson and the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent as alternate representative or co-chairperson.
3. The Division ELCAC Committee shall work with the Regional ELCAC Committee in ensuring the committed support to achieve the objectives of Executive Order 70 and in fulfilling the strategic priorities of the RTF-ELCAC as well as DepEd CAR initiated programs or projects anchored on the Whole-of-Nation Approach.
4. Tasks of the Division ELCAC Committee include: (1) coordination with other line agencies and local government units at the provincial level through meetings and support to provincial or division level ELCAC related projects, (2) monitoring and mapping of affected or ELCAC priority barangays and schools, (3) development of recommendations, and (4) submission of reports to the Regional Office.
5. Members to this Division-led committee shall include the representatives or focal persons in-charge of the different clusters of the RTF-ELCAC. Representatives for Basic Services Cluster are preferably the School Governance and Operations Chiefs while representatives to the E-CLIP and Amnesty Program Cluster must be from the Curriculum Instruction Division.
6. DepEd is an automatic member in the Basic Services Cluster, Strategic Communication Cluster, Sectoral Unification, Capacity Building and Empowerment Cluster, Poverty Reduction, Livelihood and Employment Cluster, Localized Peace Engagement, and E-CLIP and Amnesty Program. **However**, all ELCAC clusters must have representatives as per OUA Memo 00-0520-0052 dated May 2020 **except** for the Peace,



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Law Enforcement and Development Support Cluster, the Situational Awareness and Knowledge Management Cluster, and the Local Government Empowerment Cluster.

7. Below are all the ELCAC clusters with their objectives and agencies involved for reference:

	CLUSTERS	OBJECTIVES	AGENCIES INVOLVED
1	Basic Services	Ensure the delivery of basic services to contribute in the establishment of conflict resilient and developed communities	Lead: DILG Support: DSWD, DEPED, DOH, CHED, DOLE, DOJ, DAR, NCIP, DND, NHA, HUDCC, AFP, PNP, PIA, OPAPP, NAPC, NICA, NEDA, Local Chief Executives, CSO/Private Sector
2	E-CLIP and Amnesty Program	Implement the government's reintegration program for former rebels and their families	Lead: DND & DILG Support: DOJ, OP (PMS), DSWD, HUCC, NHA, NCIP, DOH, TESDA, DTI, DAR, DA, DEPED, CHED, PHILHEALTH, NICA, AFP, PNP, PIA, Local Chief Executives, CSO/Private Sector
3	Strategic Communication	Ensure effective information campaigns and advocacies on government programs, counter measures and public participation	Lead: PCCO (PIA) Support: DEPED, CHED, AFP, PNP, NICA, NCIP, DAR, Local Chief Executives, CSO/Private Sector
4	Sectoral Unification, Capacity Building and Empowerment	Institutionalize government programs by engaging, unifying, capacitating, and mobilizing all sectors of society	Lead: DILG Support: DOLE, DA, DEPED, NCIP, OPAIPC, PCUP, PCW, NYC, CHED, BFAR, DND, AFP, PNP, NICA, DSWD, OPAPRU, DOJ, PIA, DAR, NAPC, Local Chief Executives, CSO/Private Sector
5	Poverty Reduction, Livelihood and Employment	Provide services to reduce poverty, improve income and employment opportunities, and empower communities	Lead: TESDA Support: DA, DAR, DOLE, DTI, LBP, DOT, PCA, NIA, DENR, NCIP, DSWD, BFAR, CDA, NCIP, DILG, AFP, PNP, PIA, OPAPP, NAPC, NICA, NEDA, DEPED, Local Chief Executives, CSO/Private Sector
6	Localized Peace Engagement	Provide efficient structures and mechanisms for the localization of government's peace efforts through peace dialogues, community consultations and problem-solving sessions	Lead: DILG & OPAPRU Support: DND, DEPED, DOJ, DOH, DPWH, NIA, NEA, NEDA, NICA, AFP, PNP, NCIP, DAR, PIA, Local Chief Executives, CSO/Private Sector

7	Infrastructure and Resource Management	Provide adequate, equitable, sustainable and secured infrastructure development and resource management programs	Lead: DPWH Support: DA, DENR, DOTr, DOE, DAR, NCIP, AFP, PNP, PIA, OPAPRU, DICT, NICA, DOLE, NEDA, Local Chief Executives, CSO/Private Sector
8	International Management	Enhance foreign relationships to address international infiltrations and operations	Lead: DFA Support: DOJ, ISAFP, NICA, BI, DOLE, NCIP, AFP, PNP, PIA, PHRCS, CHR, Local Chief Executives, CSO/Private Sector
9	Legal Cooperation	Provide legal support, advice and assistance and other appropriate mechanisms to effectively implement EO 70	Lead: DOJ-RSP Support: NBI, NICA, AFP, DOJ, PNP, ISAFP, NCIP, DAR, NCI, PIA, Local Chief Executives, CSO/Private Sector
10	Peace, Law Enforcement and Development Support	Enforce the law, promote peace and ensure public safety	Lead: DND-AFP Support: PNP, DILG, NBI, PCG, NCIP, PIA, NICA, Local Chief Executives, CSO/Private Sector
11	Situational Awareness and Knowledge Management	Provide and disseminate timely and accurate peace and security situation	Lead: NICA Support: DND, DILG, AFP, PNP, NBI, PIA, PPSC, PNTI, NCIP, PIA, Local Chief Executives, CSO/Private Sector
12	Local Government Empowerment	Institutionalize peace-building and development and good governance	Lead: DILG Support: DOJ, DOF, NCIP, DND, AFP, PNP, PIA, NICA, Local Chief Executives, CSO/Private Sector

8. Following the format below, names of representatives or members to the Division ELCAC Committee shall be submitted to the Regional Office in **Excel Format via email: pau.depedcar@gmail.com** on or before March 2, 2021:

		Name	Designation	Contact Number	DepEd Email
	Lead Representative				
	Alternate Representative				
	CLUSTERS:				
1	Basic Services				
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9. Participation and cooperation to the program and activities of ELCAC is a must. Our immediate and appropriate services responsive to the needs especially of the areas identified as influenced by communist armed groups will show our commitment and attention to the program and activities of ELCAC.

10. Enclosed are copies of EO 70, s. 2018, RDC-RPOC Joint Resolution No. 32, s. 2019 and RDC-RPOC Joint Resolution No. 37, s. 2019 for reference.

11. For further inquiries, you may contact Mr. Georaloy I. Palao-ay at 0905-279-3948 or email to georaloy.palaoay@deped.gov.ph.

12. For information and strict compliance of all concerned.


ESTELA L. CARIÑO EdD, CESO III
Regional Director *2/17/2021*

Encl: As stated
Reference: None

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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 70

**INSTITUTIONALIZING THE WHOLE-OF-NATION APPROACH IN
ATTAINING INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE PEACE, CREATING
A NATIONAL TASK FORCE TO END LOCAL COMMUNIST
ARMED CONFLICT, AND DIRECTING THE ADOPTION OF A
NATIONAL PEACE FRAMEWORK**

WHEREAS, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides for the following State principles and policies:

- i. The Philippines renounces war as an instrument of national policy;
- ii. The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy; and
- iii. The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 16 (s. 2017) adopted the National Security Policy 2017-2022, which calls for the end of all armed threats in the Philippines and recognizes that internal socio-political stability rests upon healing the rifts that divide the nation by promoting participatory governance, synergy of government development efforts, and enhancing the participation and responsibilities of local government units (LGUs);

WHEREAS, one of the objectives of the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 is to attain inclusive and sustainable peace through intensified development and other peace-building initiatives in conflict-affected and -vulnerable communities;

WHEREAS, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), through the Joint Communiqué of the 50th ASEAN Foreign Ministers meeting in Manila last 05 August 2017, reaffirmed the importance and effectiveness of the Whole-of-Nation approach as opposed to a purely military option in combating terrorism and violent extremism;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reframe and refocus the government policy for achieving inclusive and sustainable peace by recognizing that insurgencies, internal

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

disturbances and tensions, and other armed conflicts and threats are not only military and security concerns, but are symptomatic of broader social, economic and historical problems, such as poverty, historical injustice, social inequality, and lack of inclusivity, among others;

WHEREAS, the Whole-of-Nation approach addresses the root causes of insurgencies, internal disturbances and tensions, and other armed conflicts and threats by prioritizing and harmonizing the delivery of basic services and social development packages by the government, facilitating societal inclusivity, and ensuring active participation of all sectors of the society in the pursuit of the country's peace agenda;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a national task force that will provide an efficient mechanism and structure for the implementation of the Whole-of-Nation approach to aid in the realization of the collective aspiration of the Filipino people to attain inclusive and sustainable peace;

WHEREAS, to ensure comprehensive orchestration of related peace efforts and initiatives of national government agencies, local government units and various sectors of civil society, there is a need to formulate a National Peace Framework anchored on the Whole-of-Nation approach, which shall include, among others, a mechanism for local peace engagements or negotiations and interventions that is consistent with constitutional integrity and national sovereignty, responsive to local needs, and sensitive to realities on the ground; and

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all executive departments, bureaus and offices, as well as the mandate to ensure the faithful execution of laws;

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. Institutionalizing the Whole-of-Nation Approach. The Whole-of-Nation approach is hereby institutionalized as a government policy for the attainment of inclusive and sustainable peace. Towards this end, the Government shall prioritize and harmonize the delivery of basic services and social development packages in conflict-affected areas and -vulnerable communities, facilitate societal inclusivity, and ensure active participation of all sectors of society in the pursuit of the country's peace agenda.

Section 2. Creation of the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict. To ensure efficient and effective implementation of the Whole-of-Nation approach, a National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (Task Force) is hereby created under the Office of the President (OP).

Section 3. Composition. The Task Force shall be composed of the President of the Republic of the Philippines, as Chair; the National Security Adviser, as Vice-Chair; and the following as members:

- a. Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government;
- b. Secretary, Department of Justice;

- c. Secretary, Department of National Defense;
- d. Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways;
- e. Secretary, Department of Budget and Management;
- f. Secretary, Department of Finance;
- g. Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform;
- h. Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development;
- i. Secretary, Department of Education;
- j. Director General, National Economic and Development Authority;
- k. Director General, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency;
- l. Director General, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority;
- m. Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process;
- n. Presidential Adviser for Indigenous Peoples' Concerns;
- o. Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines;
- p. Director General, Philippine National Police;
- q. Chairperson, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples;
- r. Secretary, Presidential Communications Operations Office; and
- s. Two (2) Representatives from the private sector.

Except for the private sector representatives, the members may designate an alternate, with a rank not lower than an Assistant Secretary, to represent their respective offices in the Task Force, provided that the alternate must be fully authorized to decide on behalf of the member. The names of the alternates shall be submitted to the National Secretariat.

The Private Sector Representatives, with a term of one (1) year each, shall be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Task Force.

Section 4. Powers and Functions. The Task Force shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Within six (6) months from the issuance of this Order, formulate and start to implement in coordination with relevant national government agencies, LGUs, the civil society and other stakeholders, a Whole-of-Nation approach-driven National Peace Framework (Framework);
- b. Ensure inter-agency convergence in the implementation of the Framework in conflict-affected and -vulnerable communities;
- c. Enlist the assistance of any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, including LGUs, government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs), and state universities and colleges (SUCs), in accordance with their respective mandates, in the implementation of the Framework;
- d. Evaluate, define, modify or integrate policies, programs and activities contained in the Framework;

- e. Organize *ad hoc* inter-agency and multi-sectoral clusters, councils, committees and groups in national, regional and local levels, or modify existing ones, whenever necessary, to fulfill its mandates;
- f. Develop strategic communication, advocacy, and peace constituency plans in case of ceasefire, as well as capacity-building measures, to enable local chief executives and local peace bodies to engage and facilitate local peace engagements or negotiations and interventions;
- g. Review the mandates and functions of offices undertaking peace efforts to avoid duplication of functions and programs, and submit its recommendation/s to the President for approval;
- h. As may be necessary, issue supplemental guidelines, protocols or policies in furtherance of this Order;
- i. Recommend to the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process projects and conflict-affected areas where the PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn Program may be implemented, subject to the provisions of the General Appropriations Act; and
- j. Perform such other duties and functions as the President may direct.

Section 5. The National Peace Framework. The Framework shall contain principles, policies, plans and programs that will bring inclusive and sustainable peace, and address the root causes of insurgencies, internal disturbances and tensions as well as other armed conflicts and threats in identified areas. The Framework shall be responsive to local needs and sensitive to realities on the ground. To this end, the Framework shall include a mechanism for localized peace engagements or negotiations and interventions that is nationally orchestrated, directed and supervised, while being locally implemented.

Section 6. Convergence. All departments, bureaus, offices, agencies or instrumentalities of the government, including GOCCs and SUCs, are hereby directed to render the necessary support to the Task Force.

The private sector, non-government organizations and other stakeholders are encouraged to participate in all peace-building programs, plans and activities, in the implementation of the Framework.

Section 7. National Secretariat. The Task Force shall be assisted by a National Secretariat, headed by an Executive Director, who shall be appointed by the President with the rank of an Undersecretary. The Executive Director shall submit an organizational and staffing pattern of the Task Force National Secretariat to the DBM, within two (2) months from his/her appointment. Pending the approval of the organizational and staffing pattern, the Executive Director shall be assisted by personnel from the member-agencies of the Task Force under secondment, detail or other appropriate arrangement.

Section 8. Functions of the National Secretariat. The National Secretariat shall have the following functions:

- a. Provide technical and effective administrative support and assistance to the Task Force in the performance of its tasks, coordinate with relevant agencies

- on the status of its plans and programs, and provide updates to the Task Force on the implementation of the Framework;
- b. Ensure that all policies, directives, plans and programs formulated by the Task Force are faithfully carried out; and
 - c. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the Task Force.

Section 9. Funding. The initial funding requirements for the implementation of this Order shall be charged against existing appropriations of member-agencies of the Task Force and such other appropriate funding sources as the DBM may identify, and when necessary, the Contingent Fund, subject to relevant laws, rules and regulations.

The succeeding year's appropriations for the operation of the National Secretariat shall be included in the budget proposal of the OP. The funding requirement for the implementation of the programs, plans and activities in the Framework shall be included in the respective annual budgets of the concerned agencies, subject to the usual budget preparation process.

Section 10. Sunset Clause. The Task Force shall be rendered *functus officio* upon the accomplishment of the purposes for which it was created or unless sooner dissolved by the President.

Section 11. Separability. In the event that any provision of this Order or any part hereof is declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the provisions not thereby affected shall remain in force and effect.

Section 12. Repeal. All orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

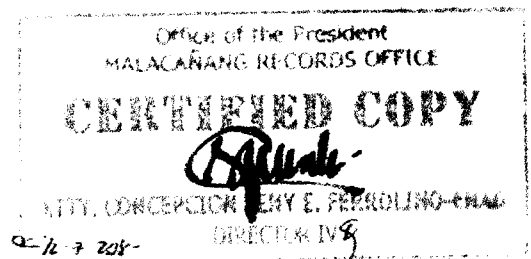
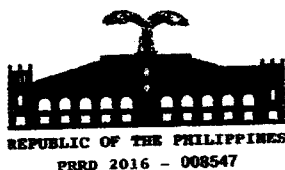
Section 13. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 4th day of **December** in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

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By the President:

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SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
 Executive Secretary *[Handwritten Initials]*





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Cordillera Administrative Region

Excerpts from the minutes of the 1st Quarter 2019 Joint RDC-RPOC CAR meeting held on March 19, 2019 in Bontoc, Mountain Province

RDC-RPOC Joint Resolution No. 32
Series of 2019

CREATING A REGIONAL TASK FORCE TO END LOCAL COMMUNIST ARMED CONFLICT IN THE CORDILLERA, AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE WHOLE-OF-NATION APPROACH IN ATTAINING INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 70 provides for the institutionalization of the Whole-of-Nation approach in attaining inclusive and sustainable peace, creation of National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, and directs for the formulation of a National Peace Framework;

WHEREAS, the Whole-of-Nation approach addresses the root causes of insurgencies, internal disturbances and tensions, and other armed conflicts and threat by prioritizing and harmonizing the delivery of basic services and social development packages by the government, facilitating societal inclusivity, and ensuring active participants of all sectors of the society in the pursuit of peace agenda;

WHEREAS, the National Peace Framework shall contain principles, policies, plans, programs and mechanisms to localize peace agreements and intervention that will bring inclusive and sustainable peace;

WHEREAS, the Cordillera Regional Development Council and Regional Peace and Order Council in its joint meeting on March 19, 2019 in Bontoc, Mountain Province recognize the need to create a Regional Task Force that will spearhead and provide the directions in the operationalization of Executive Order No. 70 at the regional, provincial down to the grassroots level;

WHEREAS, the composition, power and functions of the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict is patterned from those stipulated in Executive Order No. 70;

NOW, THEREFORE, on a motion duly seconded, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that a Regional Task Force to End Local

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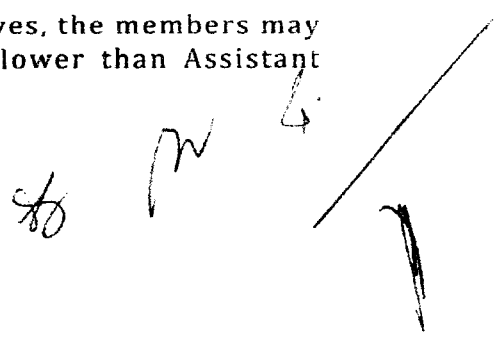
Communist Armed Conflict be created whose organization and functions are provided as follows:

Section 1. Creation of the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict. To ensure efficient and effective implementation of the Whole-of-Nation approach, a Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF ELCAC) is hereby created under the powers and functions of the National Task Force.

Section 2. Composition. The Regional Task Force shall be composed of the Chairperson of RDC-RPOC as the Chairperson; Commander of the 51D, PA, Regional Director of Police Regional Office Cordillera as Vice-Chairpersons; and the following as members:

- a. Regional Director, Department of the Interior and Local Government;
- b. Regional Director, Department of Justice;
- c. Regional Director, Office of the Civil Defense;
- d. Regional Director, Department of Public Works and Highways;
- e. Regional Director, Department of Budget and Management;
- f. Regional Director, Bureau of Local Government Finance;
- g. Regional Director, Department of Agrarian Reform;
- h. Regional Director, Department of Social Welfare and Development;
- i. Regional Director, Department of Education;
- j. Regional Director, National Economic and Development Authority;
- k. Regional Director, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency;
- l. Regional Director, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority;
- m. Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process;
- n. Presidential Adviser for Indigenous Peoples' Concerns;
- o. Assistant Secretary, Presidential Management Staff – Office of Regional Concerns;
- p. Commander, 503rd Infantry Brigade, Philippine Army
- q. Commander, 702nd Infantry Brigade, Philippine Army
- r. Commander, 24th Infantry Brigade, Philippine Army
- s. Commander, Northern Luzon Command (NOLCOM), Armed Forces of the Philippines;
- t. Provincial Directors, Philippine National Police Cordillera;
- u. Regional Director, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples;
- v. Regional Director, Philippine Information Agency; and
- w. Two (2) Representatives from the private sector

Except for the private sector representatives, the members may designate an alternate, with a rank not lower than Assistant

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Regional Director, to present their respective offices in the Task Force, provided that the alternate must be fully authorized to decide on behalf of the member. The names of the alternates shall be submitted to the Regional Secretariat.

The Private Sector Representatives, with a term of one (1) year, shall be appointed by the Chairperson upon the recommendation of the Task Force.

Section 3. Powers and Functions. The Regional Task Force shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Within six (6) months from the creation of the Regional Task Force, formulate and implement a regional peace framework anchored on the Whole-of-Nation approach;
- b. Ensure inter-agency convergence in the implementation of the regional peace framework in conflict-affected and vulnerable communities in Cordillera Administrative Region;
- c. Enlist the assistance of any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government in Cordillera Administrative Region, including LGUs, government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs), and state universities and colleges (SUCs) in accordance with their respective mandates, in the implementation of the regional peace framework;
- d. Evaluate, define modify or integrate policies, programs and activities contained in the regional peace framework;
- e. Organize ad hoc interagency and multi-sectoral clusters, councils, committees and groups in regional, provincial and local levels, or modify existing ones, whenever necessary, to fulfill its mandates;
- f. Develop strategic communication, advocacy, and peace constituency plans, as well as capacity-building measures, to enable local chief executives and local peace bodies/organizations to engage and facilitate local peace engagements or negotiations and interventions;
- g. Harmonize the roles and functions of regional offices undertaking peace efforts to avoid duplication and ensure synchronization and integration of programs and projects;
- h. As may be necessary, issue supplemental guidelines, protocols or policies in the furtherance of this joint resolution;

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- i. Recommend to the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process projects and conflict-affected areas where the PAYapa at MASaganang PAmayaNan Program may be implemented, subject to the provisions of the General Appropriations Act; and
- j. Perform such other duties and functions as the National Task Force may direct.

Section 4. Convergence. All departments, bureaus, offices, agencies or instrumentalities of the government, including GOCCs and SUCs, are hereby directed to render the necessary support to the Regional Task Force.

The private sector, non-government organizations and other stakeholders are encouraged to participate in all peace-building programs, plans and activities, in the implementation of the Regional Peace Framework.

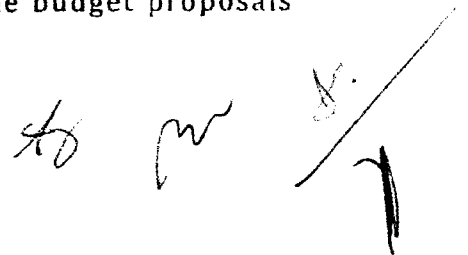
Section 5. Secretariat of the Regional Task Force. The Regional Task Force shall be assisted by a Regional Secretariat to be composed of both the Secretariat of the Regional Development Council and the Regional Peace and Order Council.

Section 6. Functions of the Regional Secretariat. The Regional Secretariat shall have the following functions:

- a. Provide technical and effective administrative support and assistance to the Regional Task Force in the performance of its tasks, coordinate with relevant agencies on the status of its plans and programs, and provide updates to the Regional Task Force on the implementation of the Regional Peace Framework.
- b. Ensure that all policies, directives, plans, and programs formulated by the Regional Task Force are faithfully carried out; and
- c. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the Regional Task Force.

Section 8. Funding. The initial funding requirements for the implementation of this joint resolution shall be charged against existing appropriations of member-agencies of the Regional Task Force and such other appropriate funding sources as the National Task Force may provide, and when necessary, the Contingent Fund, subject to relevant laws, rules and regulations.

The succeeding year's appropriations for the operation of the Regional Secretariat shall be included in the budget proposals


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of RDC and RPOC. The funding requirement for the implementation of the programs, plans and activities in the Regional Peace Framework shall be included in the respective annual budgets of the concerned agencies, subject to the usual budget preparation process.

RESOLVED FINALLY THAT, a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Heads of Offices of the member agencies of the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict.


UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 19th day of March 2019 in Bontoc, Mountain Province.

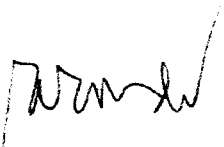
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Regional Director, DILG-CAR
Head Secretariat, CRPOC



ENGR. GREGORIO P. ARIZ III
Acting Secretary, RDC-CAR
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Attested by:


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Regional Director, PNP-PROCOR


DIR. MILAGROS A. RIMANDO
Vice-Chairperson, RDC-CAR
Regional Director, NEDA-CAR

Approved:


HON. MAURICIO G. DUMOGAN
Chairperson, RDC & RPOC
Mayor, Baguio City



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Cordillera Administrative Region

Excerpts from the minutes of the 2nd Quarter 2019 Joint RDC-RPOC CAR
meeting held on June 24, 2019 at Mansion House, Baguio City

**RDC-RPOC Joint Resolution No. 37
Series of 2019**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RDC-RPOC JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32, S. 2019
DATED MARCH 19, 2019 RE: CREATING A REGIONAL TASK FORCE TO END
LOCAL COMMUNIST ARMED CONFLICT IN THE CORDILLERA, AND
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE WHOLE-OF-NATION APPROACH IN ATTAINING
INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 70 provides for the institutionalization of the Whole-of-Nation approach in attaining inclusive and sustainable peace, creation of National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, and directs for the formulation of a National Peace Framework;

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WHEREAS, the National Peace Framework shall contain principles, policies, plans, programs and mechanisms to localize peace agreements and intervention that will bring inclusive and sustainable peace;

WHEREAS, the Cordillera Regional Development Council and Regional Peace and Order Council on its joint meeting on March 19, 2019 in Bontoc, Mountain Province recognize the need to create a Regional Task Force that will spearhead and provide the directions in the operationalization of Executive Order No. 70 at the regional, provincial down to the grassroots level;

WHEREAS, the Cordillera Regional Development Council and Regional Peace and Order Council on its joint meeting on June 24, 2019 at Mansion House, Baguio City recognize the need to amend RDC-RPOC Joint Resolution No. 32 to include the Regional Development Council (RDC) and Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) as members of the Regional Task Force, in compliance with the guidelines on the RTF membership;

WHEREAS, the composition, power and functions of the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict is patterned from those stipulated in Executive Order No. 70;

NOW, THEREFORE, on a motion duly seconded, **BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that a Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict be created whose organization and functions are provided as follows:

Section 1. Creation of the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict. To ensure efficient and effective implementation of the Whole-of-Nation approach, a Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF ELCAC) is hereby created under the powers and functions of the National Task Force.

Section 2. Composition. The Regional Task Force shall be composed of the Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security for Cordillera Administrative Region (CORDS-CAR) as the Chairperson; and members shall include those of the RDC and RPOC:

1. Assistant Secretary, Presidential Management Staff – Office of Regional Concerns;
2. Chairman, National Commission for Culture and the Arts
3. Commander, 5th ID, Philippine Army
4. Commander, 503rd Infantry Brigade, Philippine Army
5. Commander, 702nd Infantry Brigade, Philippine Army
6. Commander, 24th Infantry Brigade, Philippine Army
7. Commander, Military Intelligence CASF I, Phil. Air Force
8. Commander, North Luzon Command (NOLCOM), Armed Forces of the Philippines;
9. Director, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
10. Highly Urbanized City Mayor
11. LMP President
12. Office of the President – Presidential Management Staff
13. Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Regional Governor
14. PMO Coordinator, Office of the Regional Director for the Peace Process
15. Presidential Adviser for Indigenous Peoples' Concerns;
16. Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process;
17. Provincial Directors, Philippine National Police Cordillera;
18. Provincial Governors
19. Regional Director, Bureau of Local Government Finance;
20. Regional Director, Bureau of Fire Protection;
21. Regional Director, Commission on Higher Education;
22. Regional Director, Commission on Human Rights;
23. Regional Director, Department of Agrarian Reform;

24. Regional Director, Department of Agriculture
25. Regional Director, Department of Budget and Management;
26. Regional Director, Department of Education;
27. Regional Director, Department of Energy
28. Regional Executive Director, Department of Environment and Natural Resources
29. Regional Director, Department of Foreign Affairs
30. Regional Director, Department of Health
31. Regional Director, Department of Information and Communications
32. Regional Director, Department of Labor and Employment
33. Regional Director, Department of Public Works and Highways;
34. Regional Director, Department of Science and Technology
35. Regional Director, Department of Social Welfare and Development;
36. Regional Director, Department of Tourism
37. Regional Director, Department of Trade and Industry
38. Regional Director, Department of Transportation
39. Regional Director, Department of the Interior and Local Government
40. Regional Director, Environmental Management Bureau
41. Regional Director, Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council
42. Regional Director, National Bureau of Investigation
43. Regional Director, National Commission on Indigenous People;
44. Regional Director, National Economic and Development Authority;
45. Regional Director, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency;
46. Regional Director, National Irrigation Administration
47. Regional Director, National Police Commission
48. Regional Director, Office of the Civil Defense;
49. Regional Director, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency
50. Regional Director, Philippine Information Agency
51. Regional Director, Police Regional Office
52. Regional Director, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority;
53. Regional Prosecutor, Department of Justice;
54. Two (2) Representatives from the private sector
55. Zone Administrator, Philippine Economic Zone Authority

Except for the private sector representatives, the members may designate an alternate, with a rank not lower than Assistant Regional Director, to present their respective offices in the Task Force, provided that the alternate must be fully authorized to decide on behalf of the member. The names of the alternates shall be submitted to the Regional Secretariat.

The Private Sector Representatives, with a term of one (1) year, shall be appointed by the Chairperson upon the recommendation of the Task Force.

Section 3. Powers and Functions. The Regional Task Force shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Within six (6) months from the creation of the Regional Task Force, formulate and implement a regional peace framework anchored on the Whole-of-Nation approach;
- b. Ensure inter-agency convergence in the implementation of the regional peace framework in conflict-affected and vulnerable communities in Cordillera Administrative Region;
- c. Enlist the assistance of any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government in Cordillera Administrative Region, including LGUs, government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs), and state universities and colleges (SUCs) in accordance with their respective mandates, in the implementation of the regional peace framework;
- d. Evaluate, define modify or integrate policies, programs and activities contained in the regional peace framework;
- e. Organize ad hoc interagency and multi-sectoral clusters, councils, committees and groups in regional, provincial and local levels, or modify existing ones, whenever necessary, to fulfill its mandates;
- f. Develop strategic communication, advocacy, and peace constituency plans, as well as capacity-building measures, to enable local chief executives and local peace bodies/organizations to engage and facilitate local peace engagements or negotiations and interventions;
- g. Harmonize the roles and functions of regional offices undertaking peace efforts to avoid duplication and ensure synchronization and integration of programs and projects;
- h. As may be necessary, issue supplemental guidelines, protocols or policies in the furtherance of this joint resolution;
- i. Recommend to the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process projects and conflict-affected areas where the PAYapa at MASaganang PAmayaNan Program may be

implemented, subject to the provisions of the General Appropriations Act; and

- j. Perform such other duties and functions as the National Task Force may direct.

Section 4. Convergence. All departments, bureaus, offices, agencies or instrumentalities of the government, including GOCCs and SUCs, are hereby directed to render the necessary support to the Regional Task Force.

The private sector, non-government organizations and other stakeholders are encouraged to participate in all peace-building programs, plans and activities, in the implementation of the Regional Peace Framework.

Section 5. Secretariat of the Regional Task Force. The Regional Task Force shall be assisted by a Regional Secretariat to be composed of both the Secretariat of the Regional Development Council and the Regional Peace and Order Council.

Section 6. Functions of the Regional Secretariat. The Regional Secretariat shall have the following functions:

- a. Provide technical and effective administrative support and assistance to the Regional Task Force in the performance of its tasks, coordinate with relevant agencies on the status of its plans and programs, and provide updates to the Regional Task Force on the implementation of the Regional Peace Framework.

- b. Ensure that all policies, directives, plans, and programs formulated by the Regional Task Force are faithfully carried out; and

- c. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the Regional Task Force.

Section 8. Funding. The initial funding requirements for the implementation of this joint resolution shall be charged against existing appropriations of member-agencies of the Regional Task Force and such other appropriate funding sources as the National Task Force may provide, and when necessary, the Contingent Fund, subject to relevant laws, rules and regulations.

The succeeding year's appropriations for the operation of the Regional Secretariat shall be included in the budget proposals of RDC and RPOC. The funding requirement for the implementation of the programs, plans and activities in the Regional Peace Framework shall be included in the respective annual budgets of the concerned agencies, subject to the usual budget preparation process.

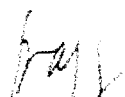
RESOLVED FINALLY THAT, a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Heads of Offices of the member agencies of the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 24th day of June 2019 in Baguio City.

Certified true and correct:



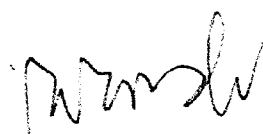
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