BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97

EXECUTIVE ORDER APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE
POLICY FRAMEWORK AND GUIDELINES FOR PHILIPPINE
PARTICIPATION IN UNITED NATIONS (UN) PEACEKEEPING
OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the Philippine has been contributing its share of maintaining
international peace and security as called for in the Charter of the United Nations, of
which it is a founding member;

WHEREAS, the Philippine has sent its troops and humanitarian personnel as
part of the United Nations action in Korea in 1950-53, UN peacekeeping operations in
the Congo (ONUC) in 1992-1993, Iraq (UNOCI) from 1991 up to the present, Cambodia
(UNTAC) in 1992-1993, Haiti (UNMIL) in 1994, Kosovo in 1999 up to the present, and
East Timor (INTERFET and UNTAET) in 1999 up to the present;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Department of Foreign Affairs, the
Department of National Defense, the Department of the Interior and Local Government
and other relevant government agencies be given an adequate policy framework and
guidelines for executing a decision by the Executive to send Philippine
military/police/civilian personnel to a United Nations peacekeeping, peace-enforcement
or peace-building operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of
the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby approve the
attached "Policy Framework and Guidelines for Philippine Participation in UN
Peacekeeping Operation" (hereinafter referred to as Policy Framework and Guidelines).

SECTION 1. This Policy Framework and Guidelines shall govern all decisions
regarding Philippine participation in United Nations peacekeeping, peace-enforcement
and peace-building operations.

SEC 2. The Policy Framework and Guidelines may be updated in view of the
constantly evolving nature of United Nations peacekeeping operations. The Department
of Foreign Affairs, upon the concurrence of the Department of National Defense and the
Department of the Interior and Local Government, is hereby authorized to update the
Policy Framework and Guidelines as appropriate.
SEC 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.

By the President:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary