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SUBJECT : DPWH SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO
END LOCAL COMMUNIST ARMED
CONFLICT (DSTF-ELCAC)

The Office of the President issued an Executive Order (EO) No. 70 dated December 4, 2018, entitled "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."

The issuance of EO#70 institutionalizes the Whole-of-Nation Approach (WNA) as a government policy that will address the root causes of insurgencies, internal disturbances and tensions, and other armed conflicts and threats 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 in conflict affected areas and vulnerable communities, facilitate societal inclusivity and ensure active participation of all sectors of society in pursuit of the country's peace agenda.

Pursuant to the above, a DPWH Special Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (DSTF-ELCAC) will be created under the Office of the Secretary through the Office of the Undersecretary for UPMO Operations and Technical Services. Its primary duties and responsibilities are the following:

- a. Formulate a DPWH Framework in coordination with relevant national government agencies and other stakeholders
- b. Ensure inter-agency convergence in the implementation of the Framework in conflict-affected and vulnerable communities
- c. Evaluate, define, modify or integrate policies, programs and activities of DPWH, as needed, contained in the Framework
- d. Organize ad hoc inter-agency and multi-sectoral committees in the regional and district levels
- e. Develop strategic communication and advocacy plans and information thereon fully disseminated to the public
- f. Develop a strategy that will end extortion activities or payment of revolutionary taxes to Communist Terrorist Groups (CTGs)

- g. Formulate a provision on the exemption of projects with national significance in the publication requirements of PHILGEPS
- h. Perform such other functions as the Secretary may direct/assign

Accordingly, a Special Order will be issued providing manpower and resources necessary for the creation of the DPWH Special Task Force.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



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