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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 17

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AN ORDER CREATING THE CITY TASK FORCE TO END LOCAL COMMUNIST ARMED CONFLICT (CTF-ELCAC) IN THE CITY OF IMUS

WHEREAS, Article I 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, 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 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



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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 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; and

WHEREAS, 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 must be formulated.

NOW, therefore, **I, ALEX L. ADVINCULA**, Mayor of the City of Imus, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the reconstitution of the CITY TASK FORCE TO END LOCAL COMMUNIST ARMED CONFLICT (CTF-ELCAC) with the following provisions:

Section 1. COMPOSITION. The CTF-ELCAC shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	:	Alex L. Advincula City Mayor
Vice Chairperson	:	PLTCOL Michael Batoctoy Chief of Police, PNP Imus City
Members	:	Joseph Ryan Geronimo CLGOO Coun. David Sapitan, Jr. Committee on Peace and Order/President, Liga ng mga Barangay Hertito V. Monzon City Administrator Focal Person, CTF-ELCAC



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Dr. Jenny Beb F. Espineli
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All members of the City Peace and Order Council and City Development Council shall also serve as CTF-ELCAC members.

Section 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The CTF-ELCAC shall perform the following functions:

- a. Formulate and implement a peace framework, programs, or policies;
- b. Ensure inter-agency convergence in the implementation in conflict-affected and vulnerable communities;
- c. Enlist the assistance of any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, state universities and colleges, in accordance with their respective mandates, in the implementation of framework, programs, or policies;
- d. To engage and facilitate local peace engagements or negotiations and interventions;
- e. Ensure the creation of Barangay Task Force - ELCAC;
- f. Ensure the delivery of services and inclusion of the policies, programs, projects, services, and activities in the local plans based on the identified solutions by the members of the affected communities;
- g. Establish and strengthen citizenship and community participation mechanisms to guarantee sustainability of implementation;
- h. As may be necessary, issue supplemental guidelines, protocols or policies; and



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- i. Perform such other duties and functions as deemed necessary.

Section 3. MEETINGS AND QUORUM. The CTF-ELCAC shall meet at least once every quarter on a date and time agreed upon by the council or as often as may be necessary.

Section 4. SECRETARIAT. The Secretariat of the CTF-ELCAC shall be the joint CPOC and CDC Secretariats to be led by the CPOC Secretariat. The Secretariat shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Provide standard secretariat services to the CTF-ELCAC;
- b. Report and submit documents to the Provincial ELCAC as may be necessary; and
- c. Ensure proper coordination through feedback mechanism established by the Provincial ELCAC.

Section 5. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

SO ORDERED.

DONE and **SIGNED** this 12th day of April 2023 at City of Imus, Cavite.

ALEX L. ADVINCULA
City Mayor *af*