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## MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : All Regional Executive Directors

SUBJECT : **PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO'S  
OFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENT OF TOTAL LOG BAN  
IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF MUSLIM  
MINDANAO (ARMM)**

DATE : APR 18 2005

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During the recent regional visit of Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur, ARMM dated 31 March 2005, The President reiterated and officially pronounced the inclusion of all ARMM provinces under moratorium on all commercial logging within the old growth and residual forests.

Accordingly, all existing forestry licenses, leases and permits operating within ARMM provinces were ordered by the President of the Philippines to stop or suspend their logging or cutting operations. The ARMM Governor was directed to fully enforce and implement the official pronouncement of Her Excellency.

The transport of logs, lumber, slabs and all other forest products going out of ARMM provinces is hereby prohibited. Any shipment of forest products coming and going out of ARMM provinces shall be construed as illegal and therefore, subject for confiscation without prejudice to the filing of appropriate criminal charges against the violators.

All Regional Executive Directors are hereby instructed to disseminate this Official Pronouncement to the various forestry stakeholders and other sectors concerned.

  
**MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR**  
Secretary



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