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**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : **All USECS/ASECS  
All Heads of Attached Agencies  
All Bureau Directors  
All Regional Executive Directors**

FROM : ***The Office of the Secretary***

SUBJECT : **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 456 DATED AUGUST 23, 2005  
ENTITLED "RENAMING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND  
REFORM BACK TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM"**

DATE : **SEP 05 2005**

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Forwarded herewith is a copy of the abovesited Executive Order for information and/or appropriate action.

  
**ATTY. ZOILO L. ANDIN, JR.**  
Head Executive Assistant



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**MALACAÑANG**  
Manila

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 456**

**RENAMING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND REFORM BACK TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 364 dated 27 September 2004 transformed the Department of Agrarian Reform into the Department of Land Reform;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 6657 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law defines agrarian reform as the redistribution of lands, regardless of crops or fruits produced, to farmers and regular farm workers who are landless, irrespective of tenurial arrangement, to include the totality of factors and support services designed to lift the economic status of the beneficiaries and all other arrangements alternative to physical redistribution of lands, such as production or profit sharing, labor administration, and the distribution of shares of stocks, which will allow beneficiaries to receive a just share of the fruits of the lands they work;

**WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law goes beyond just land reform but includes the totality of all factors and support services designed to lift the economic status of the beneficiaries;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**Section 1.** The Department of Land Reform is hereby renamed as the Department of Agrarian Reform.

**Sec. 2.** All orders, rules, regulations and issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

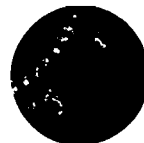
**Sec. 3.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of August, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Five.

By the President:

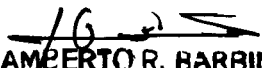
  
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Executive Secretary





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