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TO : PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL
MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL
DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED, REGIONS IX-XIII

SUBJECT : GRP PANEL-RPMM PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

In line with the current initiatives of the Government towards lasting peace and development in Mindanao, a government peace panel (the "GRP Panel") was created under the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) by virtue of Presidential Memorandum Order No. 108. The said GRP Panel is mandated to undertake negotiations with the *Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggawa ng Mindanao* (or "RPPM") in accordance with the Government's framework for peace and the national agenda on poverty alleviation.

A local peace and development agenda that will have an immediate impact at the local level will be pursued in furtherance of the peace process. A series of barangay consultations will be conducted in the areas where the RPPM has a presence for the purpose of determining community problems and issues, and of building consensus on projects that have to be undertaken in order to address such problems and issues that frustrate meaningful community development.

Towards this end, all concerned Local Chief Executives are hereby enjoined to support the said consultation series in their localities and to provide assistance, as appropriate.

All concerned DILG Regional Directors are likewise hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all local authorities within their regional assignments.

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