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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
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**TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, AND REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL COUNCILS**

**SUBJECT : PROHIBITION OF SUPPORT TO LEFT-WING REBEL GROUPS**

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Pursuant to Section 3 of the Executive Order No. 773 series of 2009, "Further Reorganizing the Peace and Order Council", under the Duties and Functions of Sub-National Councils, *"The RPOCs, PPOCs, CPOCs, and MPOCs shall apply moral suasion to and/or recommend sanctions against local chief executives who are giving material and political support to the Communist rebels."*

Additionally, Section 4 of the Republic Act No. 10168 otherwise known as "The Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act of 2012," states that:

*"Any person who, directly or indirectly, willfully and without lawful excuse, possesses, provides, collects or uses property or funds or makes available property, funds or financial service or other related services, by any means, with the unlawful and willful intention that they should be used or with the knowledge that they are to be used, in full or in part: (a) to carry out or facilitate the commission of any terrorist act; (b) by a terrorist organization, association or group; or (c) by an individual terrorist, shall be guilty of the crime of financing of terrorism and shall suffer the penalty of reclusion temporal in its maximum period to reclusion perpetua and a fine of not less than Five hundred thousand pesos (Php500,000.00) nor more than One million pesos (Php1,000,000.00).*

*Any person who organizes or directs others to commit financing of terrorism under the immediately preceding paragraph*

*shall likewise be guilty of an offense and shall suffer the same penalty as herein prescribed.*

*For purposes of this Act, knowledge or intent may be established by direct evidence or inferred from the attendant circumstances.”*

These legal provisions are further reinforced by the pronouncement of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte that local chief executives should not give any aid to the rebel groups as it would only result to much distress and embarrassment, even losing power over the police.

In this connection, and as part of the supervisory authority of this Department over LGUs, all Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, and Regional, Provincial, City, and Municipal Councils, are hereby mandated to comply with the above-enumerated directives.

For the guidance and compliance of all concerned.

  
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Secretary

