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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

**SUBJECT : CONVENING OF THE RIVER BASIN ORGANIZATIONS/
MANAGEMENT COUNCILS**

DATE : JUL 01 2022

During the CY 2022 RBCO Mid-year Assessment and Planning Workshop last June 14-16, 2022, one of the urgent issues and concerns raised that needs immediate action is the inactivity of some River Basin Organizations/Management Councils (RBMCs). This has affected the implementation of activities contained in the Integrated River Basin Management and Development Master Plans (IRBMDMPs).

The IRBMDMP serves as the main reference in identifying Project, Programs and Activities (PPAs) to be implemented/adopted in the development and management of each river basin. The RBMC/RBO, on the other hand, prioritizes activities to be implemented within the river basin as part of its oversight functions. Hence, revitalizing/strengthening the RBMCs/RBOs is crucial.

Furthermore, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) issued a resolution (*Resolution No. 01-2020*) dated December 27, 2020 through its Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Cluster entitled, "*Resolution Recommending the Strengthening of the River Basin Management System*" which aims to support the RBCO in performing its functions as stipulated in Executive Order (EO) 510 and 816. One of the recommendations is the institutionalization of the creation of the RBMCs for each Major and Principal River Basins.

In this regard and in order to ensure effective river basin management, may we request your office to facilitate the convening of the RBMCs/RBOs under your jurisdiction as newly elected local government officials take office. This will serve as an orientation on their roles as members of the RBMCs/RBOs as well as venue for the discussion of activities within the River Basins that required immediate attention/action.

For appropriate action, please.


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