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**KAGAWARAN NG KATARUNGAN**  
*Department of Justice*  
*Manila*

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 717**

**SUBJECT: Creation of Committee for Women and Children**

- 1.0 In the interest of the service and pursuant to existing laws, a Committee for Women and Children is hereby created in the Department, as follows:
  - 1.1 Chairperson: Undersecretary REYNANTE B. ORCEO
  - 1.2 Vice Chairperson: Assistant Secretary AIMEE T. NERI
  - 1.3 Permanent Members (Heads of Offices, with Deputies or Senior Officers as alternates):
    - 1.3.1 Prosecution Staff;
    - 1.3.2 Legal Staff;
    - 1.3.3 Office of Cybercrime;
    - 1.3.4 Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking Secretariat;
    - 1.3.5 Planning and Management Service;
    - 1.3.6 Administrative Service;
    - 1.3.7 Financial Service; and
    - 1.3.8 Technical Staff.
  - 1.4 They shall be supported by a Technical Working Group and/or Secretariat to be designated by the body from among officers/staff from each of the said Offices aligned with individual functional duties and responsibilities in respective positions and offices.
- 2.0 The Committee shall have the following functions:
  - 2.1 Serve as the Department's Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point pursuant to RA No. 9710, the Magna Carta for Women;
  - 2.2 Facilitate the creation/activation of the Committee on Decorum and Investigation (CODI) of Sexual Harassment Cases pursuant to RA No. 7877, the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995;
  - 2.3 Undertake the Department's role in the following inter-agency bodies including representation, convening, coordination, planning, and policy/program/project development, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and oversight reporting, in accordance related laws and issuances:
    - 2.3.1 Philippine Commission of Women (PCW) as oversight agency;
    - 2.3.2 Inter-Agency Council on Violence Against Women and Children (IACVAWC), with DOJ as member pursuant to RA No. 9262;

- 2.3.3 National Steering Committee on Women, Peace and Security (NSCWPS), with DOJ as member pursuant to EO No. 865, s. 2010;
  - 2.3.4 Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC), with DOJ as member pursuant to EO No. 233, s. 1987;
  - 2.3.5 Committee for the Special Protection of Children (CSPC), with DOJ as Chair pursuant to EO No. 53, s. 2011;
  - 2.3.6 Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council (JJWC), Co-Chaired by DSWD and DOJ pursuant to RA 9344, as amended;
  - 2.3.7 Inter Agency Committee Against Child Pornography (IACACP), with DOJ as member pursuant to RA No. 9775;
  - 2.3.8 National Youth Commission (NYC) as oversight agency; and
- 2.4 Facilitate the following to address/prevent fragmentation and inefficiency and to maximize available resources:
- 2.4.1 Harmonization and rationalization of services and access to justice mechanisms for women and children, and mainstreaming into the Department's core frontline and internal processes, including implementation of the Anti-Red Tape Act, strategic/ operations planning, organizational development and resource management; and
  - 2.4.2 Integration of processes for vulnerable groups and persons with special needs including persons with disabilities, senior citizens, indigenous peoples, indigent persons, and the youth.
- 3.0 The Committee shall exercise oversight over the Department's constituent and attached agencies with respect to the said functional designations, and may formulate and adopt its internal procedures aligned in accordance with applicable rules, regulations and policy issuances of the oversight agencies and inter-agency bodies concerned.
- 4.0 In the discharge of its functions, the GAD and CSPC budgets shall be programmed and utilized accordingly, subject to government budgeting, accounting and procurement rules and regulations. These shall cover activities, representations, as well as outsourcing of necessary personnel (in the absence of and pending establishment of an office with staffing complement).
- 5.0 This Order supersedes/amends all existing issuances inconsistent herewith, takes effect immediately, and shall remain in force until further directives.

For compliance and guidance of all concerned.

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