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Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
Cotabato City

BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
Resolution No. 23

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RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY TO STRENGTHEN THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S OFFICE BY ADOPTING A RESPONSIVE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND INSTITUTING A MERIT BASED RECRUITMENT, PROMOTION AND HIRING OF ITS OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL.

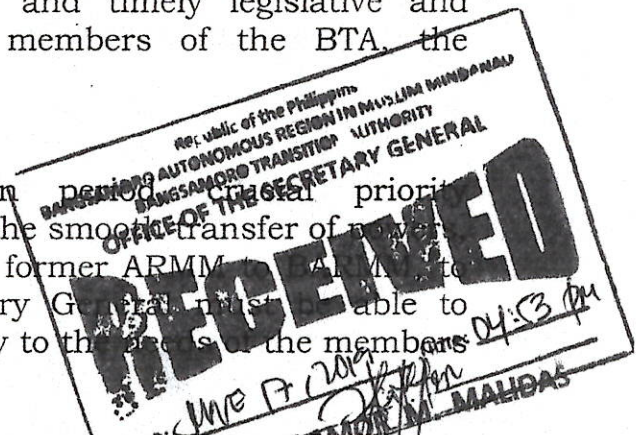
WHEREAS, Section 10, Article 16, Republic Act No. 11054, commands the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to "institute an independent, *strictly merit-based, and credible placement and hiring process* for all offices, agencies, and institutions in the Bangsamoro Government, and shall consider gender and ethnic balance".

WHEREAS, Section 1, Rule V of the Parliamentary Rules of the BTA provides for "Other Officers of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority; Non-Members", viz:

Section 1. Secretary-General of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority. - The Bangsamoro Transition Authority shall have a Secretary-General who shall be accountable to the Bangsamoro Transition Authority and the Speaker.

WHEREAS, the Secretary General's mandate is to provide an organization of highly competent, honest and dedicated civil servants who are committed to deliver excellent and timely legislative and administrative support services to the members of the BTA, the institution and the Bangsamoro.

WHEREAS, during the transition period, legislations shall be passed by the BTA for the smooth transfer of authority, properties and personnel of the former ARMM to assist the BTA in this task, the Secretary General shall be able to respond competently, timely and adequately to the needs of the members of the BTA.



WHEREAS, the Office of the Secretary General must be strengthened by creating a relevant organizational structure that will respond to the needs of the BTA. This structure must include the following officials and offices:

1. Office of the Secretary General

The Office of the Secretary General shall be headed by a Secretary General who is elected by members of the BTA.

The Secretary General is the head secretariat. He assists the Speaker in delivering excellent and timely legislative and administrative support services to the offices of BTA members. He exercises general supervision over all the offices of the service units and officers and employees of the Secretary General. He formulates plans, policies and programs aimed at professionalizing the institution.

The Secretary General shall be assisted by appointed deputy secretary general, and the Sergeant-at-Arms, who is also elected by the BTA members.

The Secretary General shall be divided into four major departments:

(a) Legislation Department, (b) the Administration and Financial Department, (c) the Office of External Affairs and Public Relations, and (d) the Office of the Sergeant-At-Arms.

2. The Office of the Deputy Secretary General for Legislation

The Deputy Secretary General for Legislation shall be responsible for the provision of legislative services in support of the plenary affairs, committee affairs, research and reference and other legislative activities involved in the law making process. It advises and assists in the formation and implementation of legislative policies and programs of the BTA.

3. The Office of the Deputy Secretary General for External Affairs and Relations

The Deputy Secretary General for External Affairs and Relations advises and assists the Secretary General in the formulation and implementation of external affairs and relations' policies and programs of the BTA. The office aims to institutionalize an efficient system of networking and interaction with the executive branch, the academe, the private sector, NGOs, national and international organizations.

4. The Office of the Deputy Secretary General for Administration and Financial Services

The Deputy Secretary General for Administration and Financial Services advises and assists in the formulation and implementation of administrative and financial policies and programs of the BTA. It exercises control and supervision over the offices and units of the Secretary General that provide administrative, financial, maintenance and general services.

5. The Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for the securing the dignity security and maintenance of order in the BTA in accordance with the orders of the Speaker or Secretary General. It provides physical and logical security for the members of the BTA and their staff, offices of the Secretary General and all properties located within its premises.


WHEREAS, instituting a merit based selection, hiring and promotion of officials and employees in the Office of the Secretary General will ensure the stability of the BTA. This will also assure that competent and qualified personnel and officials will be able to respond to the demands of the BTA and its members. This shall also promote and protect a merit based placement and hiring system that provides equal opportunities and access to all qualified applicants, and level the playing field for deserving applicants in the Bangsamoro.

WHEREAS, adopting a relevant structure for the Office of the Secretary General that responds to the needs of the BTA will assure that the mandates of the members of the institution will be adequately assisted by the officials and personnel of the Secretary General whose main duty is to provide excellent and timely legislative and administrative support services to the BTA.

Now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED BY THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY to to strengthen the secretary general's office by adopting a responsive organizational structure and instituting a merit based recruitment, promotion and hiring of its officials and personnel.

Adopted,


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