



1 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MACRO-ECONOMY, DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AND
2 FINANCE COMMITTEE (MEDAFC) MEETING ON 16 MARCH 2009 AT THE EMR CENTER,
3 KORONADAL CITY
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6 **I. Preliminaries**
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8 The First Quarter Meeting of MEDAFC XII for CY 2009 was called to order at 9:00 AM by
9 the MEDAFC XII Vice-Chairperson OIC-RD Teresita Socorro C. Ramos.
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11 The meeting started with a prayer and the singing of the national anthem led by Ms. Evie B.
12 Arabis, MEDAFC XII Secretariat; followed by the recognition of participants by Ms. Helen
13 L. Vestal, MEDAFC XII Secretary.
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15 Vice-Chairperson Ramos welcomed the MEDAFC XII members to the meeting. She
16 explained that Chairperson Karl Vincent M. Queipo was still on his way to the meeting. The
17 meeting proceeded with the presentation of the Internal Operations concerns of MEDAFC.
18 Ms. Ramos encouraged the members to actively participate in the discussions.
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21 **II. Meeting Proper**
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23 1. MEDAFC XII INTERNAL OPERATIONS
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25 1.1 *Confirmation of Highlights*
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27 Ms. Helen L. Vestal, Committee Secretary presented the highlights of the previous
28 Committee meeting held at BSP Conference Hall, Cotabato City on September 11, 2008. The
29 members found the report in order. On motion of ARD Francisco Jose of DILG XII and duly
30 seconded by RD Edwin Mateo Quijano of POPCOM XII, MEDAFC Resolution No. 01, series of
31 2009 was passed.
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33 *A Resolution Approving the Highlights of the Previous Meeting of MEDAFC XII at BSP, Cotabato*
34 *City on 11 September 2008*
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37 1.2 *Matters Arising from Previous Meeting*
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39 The issues and concerns emanating from the previous meeting was presented by the
40 MEDAFC XII Secretary.
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42 Comments/Recommendations:
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44 *On Peace and Development Concern*
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46 Relative to RDC XII Resolution No. 65, series of 2008 adopting the recommendations of 6th
47 ID, PA and the PNP XII in maintaining peace and order situation in Region XII, DILG XII ARD
48 Francisco Jose sought clarification on the actions taken by AFP and PNP with regard to the negative
49 propaganda aired and published by the media.
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51 The Spokesman of 6th ID, PA LT Col Jonathan Ponce emphasized that there is a need to
52 invoke the resumption of the Peace Talks between MILF and GRP Panel, in order that development
53 in Mindanao can be pursued. With regard to the actions taken by AFP in maintaining peace and
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55 order, Lt Col Ponce informed the body that the AFP continued to exert effort in neutralizing
56 the threats against MILF/ CPP/NPA. Likewise, the AFP has been encouraging other peace-keeping
57 agencies to coordinate with PIA for them to help in disseminating information through press
58 releases with regard to their undertakings in promoting peace, such as the conduct of civic actions,
59 medical and dental missions, construction of roads in conflict-affected areas in the region.
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61 Ms. Aida C. Agad, representative of PIA XII expressed that the agency has provided support
62 with regard to the advocacy activities by the military. The PIA XII has been receiving press
63 releases issued by the AFP and other peace-keeping agencies which are being disseminated by the
64 PIA. Close coordination between and among the PIA and other peace-keeping agencies in the
65 region has already been established.
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67 The 1002nd Deputy Brigade Commander Col Daniel A Soriano requested local media thru
68 PIA XII to highlight reports on the activities of the AFP and PNP which contribute to the promotion
69 of peace and development in the region, such as the important role played by the 1002nd Brigade in
70 the creation of Task Force Maitum-KIamba-Maasim (MAKIMA); and the conduct of activities
71 leading to the capacitation of the barangays in Sarangani in protecting themselves against threats.
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73 PSSUPT Edgar Valdellon of PNP XII also informed the Committee members of the PNP
74 XII weekly program thru which they inform the public of the activities/programs of the agency; the
75 PNP's provision of relief operation in Cotabato Province during the recent disaster in the area; and
76 the PNP's conduct of investigation and filing of cases against the perpetrators of Isulan and
77 Tacurong bombing.
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80 1.3 ***MEDAFC Accomplishment for CY 2008/Work Program for CY 2009/Indicative***
81 ***MEDAFC Agenda Forecast/RDC XII Calendar of Activities for CY 2009***
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83 **MEDAFC XII Accomplishment for CY 2008**
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85 The following were the major accomplishments of MEDAFC XII for CY 2008 :

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- 87 • Reviewed the RDR and Regional Economy Report for CY 2007 and 2008 1st Semester
- 88 Regional Economic Situationer
- 89 • Reviewed the FY 2009 Annual Investment Program (AIP) of the Macro/GID
- 90 • Generated proposals for inclusion in the Regional Development Research Agenda
- 91 (RDRA)
- 92 • Recommended the formulation of MTRDP Communication and Advocacy Plan (CAP)
- 93 • Conducted 3 MEDAFC regular meetings and 2 special meetings
- 94 • Passed 8 resolutions
- 95 • The overall attendance rate of members to Committee meetings was around 42.97% only
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97 On motion of ARD Francisco Jose of DILG XII and duly seconded by NSO XII RD Atty.
98 Maqtahar L. Manulon, MEDAFC Resolution No. 02, series of 2009 was passed.
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100 *A Resolution Adopting the MEDAFC XII Accomplishments for CY 2008*
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103 **MEDAFC XII Chairperson's Opening Remarks**
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105 At this juncture, Vice-Chair Ramos acknowledged the arrival of Chair Queipo. Chair
106 Queipo expressed his apology for coming to the meeting late. He also shared to the Committee
107 members the looming global financial crisis of which the company he represents, the RD
108 Foundation Inc was affected by the said crisis.
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110 Regionally, however, Mindanao region is not heavily affected by this crisis as the island's
111 economy is primarily agriculture based. After having said this, the Chair took over as presiding
112 officer of the meeting.
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114 The meeting continued with Ms. Vestal presenting the Work Program for CY 2009/ Indicative MEDAFC
115 Agenda Forecast/RDC XII Calendar of Activities

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117 Comments:

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- 119 • PSSUPT Valdellon of PNP XII inquired about the responsibilities of the host agency for
120 MEDAFC meeting.
 - 121 • The MEDAFC Secretariat informed him that the Secretariat shall take charge of the
122 preparation of agenda, invitation and documentation of the highlights of the meeting. The
123 meeting could be conducted anywhere in Region XII where it is most convenient to the host
124 agency. The host agency shall take charge of the venue and food for the meeting.

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126 The following concerns were recommended for inclusion in the agenda of the next meeting of the
127 Committee:

- 128 • GRDP 2008
- 129 • On Federalism particularly the consultation process
- 130 • Salient features of MOA-AD

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132 Col Soriano suggested to invite OPAPP to present the MOA-AD. On the other hand, RD
133 Quijano inquired whether there is a need to discuss MOA-AD after it was declared by the Supreme
134 Court as “unconstitutional”. Vice-Chair Ramos however, said that in view of the opening of the
135 Peace Talks there is a need to review the salient points of the MOA-AD.

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137 The representative from LGU-South Cotabato Mr. Nelson M. Beltran sought clarification on
138 the proposed inclusion of federalism in the agenda items for the next Committee meeting, whether
139 it is meant to lobby for the charter change. The Chair informed Mr. Beltran that MEDAFC XII is a
140 neutral body and the inclusion of federalism in the agenda is to study its pros and cons but not to
141 lobby. It is to have an objective position with regard to federalism. Furthermore, Ms. Vestal
142 stressed that it is in support to RDCom Resolution No. 19, series of 2008 “Supporting the Move To
143 Initiate Discussions on the Proposed Joint Resolution of the 14th Congress Convening Said
144 Congress into a Constituent Assembly for the Purpose of Revising the Constitution to Establish a
145 Federal System of Government”.

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147 At this point, Chair Queipo encouraged the members to submit to the Secretariat additional
148 agenda for the MEDAFC meetings for the year.

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150 On motion of ARD Francisco Jose of DILG XII and duly seconded by RD Edwin Mateo
151 Quijano of POPCOM XII, MEDAFC Resolution No. 03, series of 2009 was passed.

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153 *A Resolution Adopting the Indicative MEDAFC XII Agenda Forecast for CY 2009*
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155 The RDC XII Calendar of Activities for CY 2009 was also presented by the MEDAFC XII
156 Secretary.

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158 2. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONCERNS

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160 2.1 **Economic Resiliency Plan (ERP)**

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162 The salient features of the ERP was presented by Mr. Romel Patrick E. Tanghal, MEDAFC XII
163 Secretariat, for the information and appropriate action of the Committee members. ERP was crafted as a
164 government response to the global financial crisis. In particular, the Plan aims to save and create jobs;
165 protect the poorest of the poor, returning OFWs and workers in export industries; ensure low and stable
166 prices to support consumer spending; and, enhance competitiveness in preparation for the global rebound.

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168 At the regional level, programs/projects responding to the objectives of the ERP were also
169 presented. However, only few agencies have submitted inputs to the Region XII ERP. In this regard, a
170 resolution was passed enjoining all agencies to submit their ERPs in order to come up with a complete
171 picture of Region XII ERP

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173 On motion of ARD Francisco Jose of DILG XII and duly seconded by RD Edwin Mateo
174 Quijano of POPCOM XII, MEDAFC Resolution No. 04, series of 2009 was passed.

175 *A Resolution Enjoining RLAs to submit their agency Economic Resiliency Plan (ERP) as inputs to*
176 *Region XII ERP*

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178 One of the objectives of the ERP is to create jobs, particularly in the construction industry. In
179 support of this objective, the Committee requested DBM to release the budget for the construction of
180 buildings for Regional Offices in Koronadal City, the new regional government center of Region XII.

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182 On motion of ARD Francisco Jose of DILG XII and duly seconded by Private Sector
183 Representative Mario C. Osorio, MEDAFC Resolution No. 05, series of 2009 was passed.

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185 *A Resolution Requesting DBM for the Release of Budget for the Construction of Regional Offices*
186 *Building at the New Government Center (Koronadal City) as the Region's Support to ERP*

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188 Ms. Herlita G. Caraan NSCB XII Unit Head said that since Region XII is an agriculture based
189 economy, the region should have a fair share from the stimulus package under the ERP.

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191 One of the ERP strategies in addressing the global financial crisis is the Comprehensive Livelihood
192 and Emergency Employment Program or CLEEP which is being implemented by different line agencies.

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194 Cotabato Province representative Mr. Zabide D. Andie suggested that the ERP implementation in the
195 region should also be monitored to make sure that the government is on the right track. The Vice-Chair
196 informed him that the Cabinet Secretaries, through their respective focal persons have been tasked to monitor
197 the implementation of the CLEEP in the different regions of the country. Secretary Benigno Teodoro of the
198 Department of National Defense is in charge of Region XII, however, to date the region has no information
199 yet as to the focal person assigned by the Secretary for the region.

200 201 **3. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONCERNS**

202 203 **3.1 CY 2010 Macro/GID Sector Annual Regional Development Plan (ARDP) Target/** 204 **Annual Investment Plan (AIP)**

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206 The CY 2010 ARDP Targets and AIP was presented by Ms. Helen L. Vestal. ARDP CY 2010
207 is a one year slice of the Updated Medium- Term Regional Development Plan 2008-2010 which contains the
208 targets set for 2010, as well as, the development strategies to be pursued which would contribute to the
209 attainment of the development goals enunciated in the MTRDP.

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211 The ARDP CY 2010 of the Macro/GID sector needs to be updated in consonance with the current
212 challenges that the region is facing, such as the global financial crisis. This document is one of the basic
213 references for the preparation of the annual budgetary requirements of the agency.

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215 The annual investment program (AIP) indicates the annual budgetary requirements of the agencies
216 for the priority programs and projects which are programmed for implementation in the following year. The
217 CY 2010 AIP is the basis for the preparation of the CY 2010 budget proposals of the agencies.

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219 Based on the submitted inputs from the sector agencies, the total investment requirements of the
220 sector for CY 2010 amounts to P173.95 Billion, of which 39.56% is for the Fiscal Strength subsector; Good
221 Governance, 36.67% and peace and development, 23.77%.

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223 On motion of ARD Francisco Jose of DILG XII and duly seconded by Col Daniel A.
224 Soriano, Deputy Brigade Commander of 1002nd Brigade, Philippine Army, MEDAFC Resolution
225 No. 06, series of 2009 was passed.

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227 *A Resolution Endorsing the ARDP/AIP 2010 Subject to the Inclusion of Inputs from other Agencies*

228 229 230 **3.2 Third Quarter 2008 Regional Economic Situationer(RES)**

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232 The report on the CY 2008 3rd Quarter RES was presented by Mr. Tanghal. He reported that
233 export earnings during the period grew by 22% compared with the same period in 2007. Tourism industry
234 perked up. Fish production showed bright prospects. The damage brought about by the massive flooding
235 during the period however, resulted to high consumer price index and double digit inflation.

237 Major events that affected the economy of the region during the 3rd quarter were the following:
238 typhoons Cosme & Frank; increase of rice and fuel prices and arm-conflict in some areas of Region XII.

240 3.3 Presentation of Preliminary Result of 2006 Philippine Business and Industry

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242 The Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry was presented by Atty. Maqtahar L.
243 Manulon, Regional Director of National Statistics Office 12. He said that ASPBI is a nationwide
244 undertaking which aims to provide data on the structure and level of economic activity in the country.

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246 The 2006 CBPI covered formal sector only, according to economic organization, industrial
247 classification and employment size.

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249 Ms. Caraan of NSCB XII observed that compared to the other regions in the country, employment in
250 the agriculture sector in Region XII was statistically insignificant considering the highly agricultural nature
251 of the region's economy.

253 3.4 Local Level Gender and Development Index (GDI)

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255 The Unit Head of NSCB XII Ms. Herlita G. Caraan presented the local level GDI. She
256 reported that GDI is a composite index measuring average achievement in the three basic dimensions
257 captured in the human development index (HDI): health, education and income. It measures the average
258 achievement that is adjusted for gender disparity.

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260 The project was undertaken by the NSCB in collaboration with NEDA, funded by UNDP under the
261 UNDP Programme "*Achieving the MDGs and Reducing Human Poverty*", covering five (5) pilot provinces
262 of the country, including Sarangani with 7 municipalities.

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264 The purpose of the project is to generate GDI estimates for provinces and cities/municipalities;
265 highlight gender issues; show the level of human development with additional focus on gender; to facilitate
266 an effective monitoring mechanism on gender equality and women's empowerment, and; recommend
267 appropriate methodologies for producing provincial and city/ municipal GDI that can be adopted by local
268 government units.

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270 Initial results of the project showed that about 86% or six (6) of the seven (7) municipalities in
271 Sarangani showed that MEN have advantage over WOMEN in terms of development. The biggest disparity
272 in overall development in favor of men over women was highest in Malungon. Chair Queipo pointed out
273 that most of the workers hired by the Stanfilco in the area are men. Ms. Caraan added that the lifestyle of
274 the community may have contributed to the disparity.

276 3.5 KITACO Growth Area Development Plan

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278 As presented by Mr. Albert H. Astrero, Programme Coordinator of KITACO Growth Area, the
279 KITACO Growth Area Development Plan is a development alliance of three (3) municipalities from three
280 different provinces of Region XII and Region XI, namely: Kiblawan, Davao del Sur; Tampakan, South
281 Cotabato, and; Columbio, Sultan Kudarat. The said development plan is aimed at addressing development
282 concerns of the three municipalities, particularly their common concerns on peace and development.

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284 The three provincial government concerned already passed their respective resolution endorsing and
285 supporting the said development alliance.

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287 The KITACO development plan's logframe has already been updated based on the recommendations
288 of Economic Development Committee (EDC) of the RDC XII after it has been presented to the said body in
289 2008, as well as, on the current thrusts and directions of the alliance.

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291 The MEDAFC recommended that the KITACO shall once again seek the endorsement of the EDC.

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293 On motion of Vice-Chairperson Teresita Socorro C. Ramos, OIC-RD of NEDA XII and duly
294 seconded by DILG XII ARD Francisco Jose, MEDAFC Resolution No. 7, series of 2009 was passed.

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297 *A Resolution Endorsing Kiblawan-Tampakan-Cumbio (KITACO) Growth Area Development Plan as*
298 *Strategy in Achieving Peace and Development in the Area*

301 4. PEACE AND SECURITY

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303 4.1 **Time Bomb, Time Bound Motion Study**

304 *by Leonardo S. Carino, Community Extension Coordinator, Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Colleges,*
305 *General Santos City*

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307 A study which focused on synchronizing multi-stakeholder involvement in anti-terrorism and bomb
308 threat response. This was conceptualized as a response to the 2004 bombing in General Santos City, a case
309 of community-based disaster risk management for the LGU.

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311 Essentially, the initiative demonstrates and continues to :

- 312 • Strengthen and pool the local innate capabilities in responding a rather worldwide disastrous
- 313 phenomenon, that is terrorism;
- 314 • Stabilize the readiness of each unit of a multi-tiered community starting from the grassroots level
- 315 up to the higher institutions of the locality;
- 316 • Institutionalize the practices, methodologies, approaches and systems through constant
- 317 education and information dissemination for community awareness, readiness and
- 318 responsiveness making disaster prevention a way of life of the community
- 319 • Upgrade of competencies of the frontliners through constant trainings and drills

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321 To enhance and make the study more responsive and more effective the following recommendations
322 were raised by the Committee members:

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324 PSSUPT Valdellon, PNP XII suggested to include the EOD Team and SOCO as key actors in
325 bombing cases. On the other hand, Col Soriano added to put-up check points immediately in strategic areas
326 when there is disaster; be pro-active by continually conducting information dissemination, training and
327 education for the stakeholders on bomb identification, identifying suspected bombers, target areas for
328 bombing, etc; conduct regular drill for the people to get used to this type of activity/commotion; tasking of
329 responsibilities taking into consideration the capabilities of each group; highlight the need for appropriate
330 traffic management (both vehicles and human traffic) during disaster.

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332 Relative to disaster preparedness, the OCD XII Operation and Training Officer Roy L. Dorado
333 requested the LGUs to submit their information and education campaign materials, initiatives and
334 accomplishment on disaster, both manmade and natural calamities.

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336 5. OTHER MATTERS

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338 MEDAFC Resolution No. 08, series of 2009 “A Resolution of Appreciation to the Resource
339 Persons who Contributed to the Successful Conduct of the 1st Quarter 2009 MEDAFC Meeting” was passed
340 on motion of DILG XII ARD Francisco Jose and unanimously approved by the Committee members.

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342 6. ADJOURNMENT

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344 After the agenda items has been thoroughly discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 in
345 the afternoon.

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