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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT**

**FROM :** *Leonardo Q. Montemayor*  
**LEONARDO Q. MONTEMAYOR**  
**Secretary**

**SUBJECT :** Rollback of Cargo Handling Rates

Upon my suggestion, Secretary Pantaleón Alvarez of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DoTC) has agreed to convene the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) Board before 01 May 2002 to resolve the issue on the rollback of PPA cargo handling rates.

This is to comply with Her Excellency's directive during the 4<sup>th</sup> Mindanao Food Congress in Cagayan de Oro City on April 03, 2002. This matter was the main issue discussed in the April 16 meeting we called for in Malacñang with Secretary Alvarez and representatives from the Mindanao Business Council, the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Coalition for Ports Modernization. A follow-up meeting was conducted on April 19 where private sector representatives met with Secretary Alvarez to discuss this issue in more depth, together with other issues (Attachment 1).

The DA fully supports the rollback Her Excellency ordered last April 03, which is the subject of the letters dated April 21/22, 2002 of the aforementioned private sector groups. (Attachments 2 and 3).

In addition, the DA agrees in principle with the general directions suggested by the private sector in Attachment 1, except for personnel movements where we do not have enough knowledge of the issues involved.

For Her Excellency's consideration.

