



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD

**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 9
Series of 2020**

SUBJECT: APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE UNIFIED MANUAL IN THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS CASES

WHEREAS, the Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy (PADS) formulated by the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) outlines the balanced efforts of the government to strengthen its campaign against illegal drugs;

WHEREAS, the campaign against illegal drugs has been hampered by low conviction rates of individuals prosecuted for violation of RA No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as amended (the "Act");

WHEREAS, there is no existing uniform procedure among law enforcement agencies in the build-up and prosecution of cases involving violations of the Act;

WHEREAS, the Justice Cluster of the Inter-Agency Committee on Illegal Drugs (ICAD), led by the Department of Justice (DOJ), proposed the formulation of a uniform procedure in the investigation and prosecution of cases involving violations of the Act, and a Technical Working Group composed of the following agencies was created to draft such procedure with the assistance of the Governance in Justice Programme: DOJ, DOJ-National Prosecution Service, National Bureau of Investigation, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Philippine National Police, and the Office of the Solicitor General;

WHEREAS, after a series of consultations, workshops, and discussions, the Technical Working Group came up with the Unified Manual in the Investigation and Prosecution of Dangerous Drugs Cases which was approved by the ICAD;

WHEREAS, the Unified Manual was presented during the 4th Special Online Session of the Dangerous Drugs Board and the Chairman and Members thereof unanimously call for the implementation of the said Manual which shall serve as the operational tool for all law enforcement and prosecution agencies for cases involving violations of the Act.

WHEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to approve and adopt the Unified Manual in the Investigation and Prosecution of Dangerous Drugs Cases for implementation by law enforcement and prosecution agencies of the government.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 24th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, 2020 in Quezon City.



Secretary CATALINO S. CUY, CEO VI
Chairman

Attested by:



Undersecretary EARL P. SAAVEDRA, CESE
Secretary of the Board