

**[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 19, September 06,
2011]**

**MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO ORGANIZE AND CARRY OUT THE
SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE
PHILIPPINE HOSTING OF THE ASIA-EUROPE MEETING
CONFERENCE ON THE HARMONIZATION OF BIOFUELS
STANDARDS AND APPLICATION TO VEHICLE TECHNOLOGIES**

WHEREAS, the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) has developed a comprehensive partnership between Asia and Europe through joint activities and functional cooperation in its political, economic and cultural pillars;

WHEREAS, the ASEM dialogue has increasingly yielded consensus and mutual understanding on environment, sustainable development, and economic cooperation through yearly issue-based conferences;

WHEREAS, during the 6th ASEM Summit held in Helsinki, Finland on 10 to 12 September 2006, the Philippine initiative on biofuels – *"Harmonization of Biofuels Standards and Application to Vehicle Technologies"* was accepted by the Leaders;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a leading proponent on the issue of energy security; and,

WHEREAS, in order to push the initiative forward, the Philippines shall host the ASEM Conference on the Harmonization of Biofuels Standards and Application to Vehicle Technologies on 10 to 11 November 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Executive Committee. The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the Department of Energy (DOE) shall constitute the Executive Committee to be co-chaired by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary of Energy, or their duly designated representatives with ranks not lower than Undersecretary, for the purpose of organizing and implementing activities in connection with the Philippine hosting of the ASEM Conference on the Harmonization of Biofuels Standards and Application to Vehicle Technologies (hereinafter, the Conference) on 10 to 11 November 2011.

SECTION 2. Agency Support. The Executive Committee shall closely coordinate the integrated assistance by obtaining technical, financial, and administrative support from other relevant agencies and local government units (LGUs) where the Conference and other related activities will be held.