

[**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 81, July 31, 1999**
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AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 15 DATED AUGUST 27, 1998 "RENAMING THE ECONOMIC MOBILIZATION TASK FORCE AS THE ECONOMIC MOBILIZATION GROUP" BY EXPANDING ITS MEMBERSHIP AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Economic Mobilization Group was created to enhance coordination among the key economic players and expedite the implementation of measures to stabilize and sustain the economy's growth;

WHEREAS, the Economic Mobilization Group has demonstrated its effectiveness in addressing the economic problems brought about by the Asian financial crisis;

WHEREAS, there is a need to further enhance coordination of government and private sector action on economic and industry issues, and the timeliness thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend Administrative Order No. 15 dated 27 August 1998 and order the following:

SECTION 1. Expansion of Membership in the Economic Mobilization Group. Membership in the Economic Mobilization Group is hereby expanded to include the following:

- 1.1. From the Government Sector:
 - a. Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources
 - b. Secretary of Foreign Affairs
 - c. Secretary of Justice
 - d. Secretary of Tourism
 - e. Secretary of Transportation and Communications
- 1.2. From the private sector, a representative from the agriculture and fisheries sectors.

Sec. 2. EMG Membership. Section 2 of A.O. No. 15 is hereby revised to include the new members identified in Section 1 hereof:

- 2.1. Representatives from the labor sector shall be recommended by the Secretary of Labor while the representative from the agriculture and fisheries sectors shall be recommended by the Secretary of Agriculture.
- 2.2. The EMG may invite other officials from the Executive and the Legislative branches as resource persons.