

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 387, March 24, 1998]

PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE ON THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

WHEREAS, the proposed establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC) has received strong support from the global community owing to the rising incidence of international crimes that has undermined international peace and stability;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has signified its support for the establishment of the ICC as a legal mechanism that will enhance international criminal justice enforcement;

WHEREAS, the recent resolve of the global community to establish a new international legal order predicated on consensus and collective action has brought forth a number of complex issues requiring serious consideration by a group of experts from the legal field in order for the involvement of the Philippines in the Preparatory Committee of the ICC to become more meaningful;

NOW THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of a Task Force on the Proposed Establishment of the International Criminal Court. There is hereby created a Task Force on the Proposed Establishment of the International Criminal Court, hereinafter referred to as the ICC Task Force, under the joint administrative and technical supervision of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the Department of Justice (DOJ);

SECTION 2. Composition. The ICC Task Force shall be composed of the following agencies, through their duly designated representatives, with the rank of at least Assistant Secretary or Deputy Head:

Department of Foreign Affairs	– Chairman
Department of Justice	– Co-Chairman
Office of the Solicitor General	– Member
Office of the Executive Secretary/(Office of the Chief Presidential Legal Counsel)	– Member
Department of Interior and Local Government	– Member
University of the Philippines College of Law	– Member

The heads of other academic institutions, law firms and other legal organizations may be invited or consulted as resource persons/agencies.