

[**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 310, January 13, 1997**]

CREATING A COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE A BILL TO ELIMINATE CRIMINAL AND HARMFUL SYNDICATES IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Committees on Trade of both the Senate and the House of Representatives have yet to finalize their respective bills to eradicate racketeers and pernicious syndicates in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the signing into law of a bill that shall effectively arrest the pernicious practice of criminal organization will be to the best interest of the government;

WHEREAS, such a bill should take into consideration the concerns of various government agencies tasked with fighting syndicated crimes in the country;

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. Composition. - There is hereby constituted a Committee that shall formulate a bill to eliminate criminal and harmful syndicates in the Philippines, which shall be composed of the Secretary of Justice, as Chairman, with the following as Members:

1. The Secretary of Trade and Industry
2. The Secretary of Finance
3. The Chairman, Presidential Commission on Good Government
4. The Chief, Presidential Legal Counsel

SEC. 2. Secretariat. - The Office of the Assistant Executive Secretary for Legislative Affairs shall provide the secretariat support to the Committee.

SEC. 3. Reportorial Requirement. - The Committee shall submit to the President, within 30 days from the effectivity of this Order, the final version of the formulated bill for his approval.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. - This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 13th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

By Authority of the President:
(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**
Executive Secretary
