

## [ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 202, July 05, 1995 ]

### **FURTHER AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 123, DATED APRIL 4, 1989 AS AMENDED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 125, DATED APRIL 21, 1989**

**WHEREAS**, science and technology has a critical role in the attainment of our country's industrialization goal and socio-economic development;

**WHEREAS**, the Science and Technology Master Plan (STMP) which was approved by the Science and Technology Coordinating Council (STCC) provided the strategies and directions for science and technology development and utilization;

**WHEREAS**, to pursue these strategies and directions, there is a need to enhance the representation of the government, private sector and academe in the STCC;

**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 the amendments of Administrative Order No. 123 dated April 4, 1989 as amended by Administrative Order No. 125 dated April 21, 1989, entitled "Constituting the Science and Technology Coordinating Council," as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Administrative Order No. 123 as amended by Administrative Order No. 125 is further amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. **Composition.** The Science and Technology Coordinating Council (STCC) shall be composed of the following:

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| Chairman      | – Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)   |
| Vice-Chairmen | – Representative of the private sector<br>– Representative from private educational institutions   |
| Members       | – Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)<br>– Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA)<br>– Secretary of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)<br>– Secretary of the Department of National Defense (DND)<br>– Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH)<br>– Secretary of the Department of Trade and |

Industry (DTI)

- Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
- Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC)
- Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
- Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
- Seven (7) Representatives from the Private Sector
- One (1) Representative from Public Educational Institutions

The members of the Council may designate their duly authorized representatives. Such designated representatives shall have full powers to vote for and act for, and in behalf of their principals, in any action to be taken by the Council unless their designated provides otherwise.

Other heads of executive agencies, private organizations or individuals can be called upon by the Council to attend any Council Meeting and assist the Council to resolve issues and problems that concern their respective offices."

**SEC. 2.** Section 2 of A.O. 123 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. ***Powers and Functions.*** The Council shall:

- a. Act as a science and technology advisory body to the President;
- b. Formulate science and technology policies and programs;
- c. Coordinate the science and technology activities of departments, agencies, academe, business sector, non-government organization and people's organization and oversee allocation of science and technology funds including research and development budget of government departments, agencies and state colleges and universities to accelerate science and technology development and utilization in accordance with the STMP and related plans;
- d. Institute appropriate measures to update, revise and enhance the STMP and related plans;
- e. Recommend to Congress legislation on science and technology; and
- f. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the President."

**SEC. 3.** Section 3 of A.O. 123 is hereby amended to read as follows: