## [ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 171, December 13, 1994 ]

## CONSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE HOST COMMITTEE FOR THE 1995 JOHNNIE WALKER GOLF CLASSIC

WHEREAS, the Philippines has successfully played host to major world conferences and international sporting events;

WHEREAS, the Philippines won the bid to host the 1995 Johnnie Walker Golf Classic to be held at the Orchard Golf and Country Club in Dasmariñas, Cavite, on January 26-29, 1995;

WHEREAS, the 1994 Johnnie Walker Golf Classic was held earlier this year in Phuket, Thailand, where the tournament consolidated its position as the premier golfing event throughout Asia;

WHEREAS, the increasing success of the Johnnie Walker Classic in the Asian Region, boasting of a field that incorporates the leading players from all continents, has ensured that the event is now recognized as one of the top tournaments in the world, attracting not only top caliber players from various regions but also golf enthusiasts and tourists who visit the host country to watch the tournament;

WHEREAS, the Philippines was chosen as the host for the 1995 event based on the fact that the country is one of the most exotic destinations in Asia with a rich culture, and warm and friendly people, and that the Philippines has experienced a golf boom over the last few years;

WHEREAS, the staging of the Johnnie Walker Classic directly supports the efforts of the tourism industry in projecting and promoting the Philippines as an ideal golf destination for international and local golf enthusiasts and tourists;

WHEREAS, the holding of the said golfing event will bring international prestige, publicity, goodwill, and economic benefits to the country.

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

SECTION 1. A Philippine Host Committee (PHC) headed by the Department of Tourism together with its attached agencies, and the Republic of the Philippines Golf Association (RPGA), is hereby constituted to oversee and undertake all the necessary preparations for the 1995 Johnnie Walker Golf Classic.

The Secretary of Tourism shall be the PHC Overall Chairman with the President of the RPGA as Co-Chairman.

SEC. 2. The PHC, through the DOT, is directed to coordinate with and assist the tournament organizers with respect to hosting requirements, particularly in the