

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 79, September 08, 1993]

CONSTITUTING A MULTISECTORAL CONSULTATIVE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, Section 23, Article II of the Constitution provides that "The State shall encourage non-governmental, Community-based, or sectoral organizations that promote the welfare of the nation";

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article XIII of the Constitution provides that "The State shall respect the role of independent people's organizations to enable the people to pursue and protect, within the democratic framework, their legitimate and collective interests and aspirations through peaceful and lawful means";

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article XIII of the Constitution provides that "The right of the people and their organizations to effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making shall not be abridged. The State shall, by law, facilitate the establishment of adequate consultation mechanisms";

WHEREAS, it was agreed during the Legislative-Executive Economic Summit at the Manila Hotel held on 20 August 1993, and the Pre-Summit at Malacañang held last 2 September 1993 that consultative mechanism between government and the basic sector be institutionalized;

WHEREAS, government recognizes the right of the basic sectors to be consulted and to participate in decision-making on matters concerning and affecting their sectors;

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

Section 1. **Composition.** — There is hereby constituted a Multisectoral Consultative Task Force, hereinafter referred to as the Task Force, to oversee the conduct of a consultative forum on matters discussed and agreed upon during the People's Economic Summit. The Task Force shall be composed of the Executive Secretary as Chairman and the following members:

- Secretary of Trade and Industry
- Secretary of Labor and Employment
- Secretary of Finance
- Secretary of Agriculture
- Secretary of Agrarian Reform
- Secretary of Justice
- Secretary of Budget and Management
- Director-General, National Economic Development Authority
- Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process
- One (1) representative from the Business Sector