

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 271, March 03, 1992 ]**

**DIRECTING THE FORMATION OF A MULTI-SECTORAL FINESSE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT THE PHILIPPINE FINESSE NATIONAL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, there is a need to develop and maximize the use of indigenous energy resources pursuant to the country's goal for energy self-reliance;

WHEREAS, renewable energy systems and energy conservation technologies can both play crucial roles and make significant contribution in achieving the above-mentioned goal;

WHEREAS, the development and utilization of environmentally-benign alternative energy sources, such as renewable energy, and the promotion of energy conservation are becoming imperative in view of the increasing worldwide concern for the protection of the environment;

WHEREAS, a multi-sectoral group from the Philippines has proposed a Financing Energy Services for Small-Scale Energy Users (FINESSE) Program Concept, which was well received by multilateral lending institutions led by the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the United Nations Development Program and bilateral donor agencies from the United States and the Netherlands during the FINESSE Workshop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on October 21 to 25, 1991;

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned lending agencies made commitments that funding would be made available, if the country can come out with a comprehensive, integrated and implementable FINESSE Program;

WHEREAS, the development and implementation of the FINESSE National Program can be expeditiously pursued with active involvement of both the government agencies and the private sector, including non-governmental organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. FINESSE National Committee. A FINESSE National Committee shall be organized to be composed of representatives from government agencies, the private sector and non-governmental organizations, and to be charged with the implementation of the FINESSE National Program.

SEC. 2. Mandate. The FINESSE National Committee shall formulate, provide direction, and coordinate implementation of a FINESSE National Program. Such program will make available mechanisms for financing and provisions of support activities needed for the widespread use of viable renewable energy and energy