[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 115, February 17, 1989]

CONSTITUTING THE FOREIGN INFORMATION COUNCIL

WHEREAS, an effective overseas information and communications strategy is crucial in enhancing Philippine foreign relations;

WHEREAS, in adopting said strategy, it is necessary to constitute a body that will formulate the plans and strategies and to insure that the effort shall bring about positive results in gaining more international respect and recognition for the Philippines;

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

There is hereby constituted the Foreign Information Council (FIC) composed of the following:

The Secretary of Foreign Affairs	- Chairman
The Press Secretary	- Co-Chairman
The Secretary of Labor and Employment	- Member
The Secretary of Trade and Industry	- Member
The Secretary of Tourism	- Member

The Department of Foreign Affairs is hereby designated as the Secretariat of the Council for purposes of networking the information package abroad.

The Office of the Press Secretary shall be responsible for putting together the information package.

The Council shall have the following objectives:

(1) to insure that other nations acquire a better understanding of Filipino values and institutions through the formulation of credible communications strategies;
(2) that the overseas information program to be formulated by the Council shall explain and interpret accurately and objectively to the international community the objectives and policies of the Philippine government; and
(3) to cooperate with the private sector in enhancing the quality and reach of the country's overseas information program.

The Council shall formulate the policies and plans for the Overseas Information Program and appropriate communications strategies that will be adopted taking into account existing resources and priorities in each area. The Council shall adopt its own rules and procedures to carry out the Overseas Information Program.