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CREATING A TASK FORCE FOR METRO MANILA GREENING PROJECT

WHEREAS, industrialization and urbanization of various areas like those in Metro Manila and its environs have resulted in the alteration of life forms, climatic changes, natural cycles and ecosystems;

WHEREAS, as a consequence thereof, there is an urgent need to enforce a program to protect the Metropolitan Manila area and the inhabitants from environmental alterations to ensure proper dispersion of population and industries, pollution control, prevention of farmland encroachment, conservation of nature and the improvement of the living conditions of the people in the Metro Manila; and

WHEREAS, some of these policy measures, which will effectively address the problem, are on-site landscape development and maintenance, solid waste utilization program and greening of selected open spaces, public parks and historic districts in Metro Manila;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a "Task Force for Metro Manila Greening Project" composed of the following:

Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources	- Chairman
Governor of Metro Manila Commission	- Co-Chairman
All City/Municipal Engineers of Metro Manila	- Members
Representatives from the Department of Public Highways	- Members
Representative from Manila Seedling Bank Foundation	- Member

The Task Force shall have the following functions:

1. Prepare and formulate a comprehensive and integrated plan for greening of Metro Manila utilizing essentially available resources and manpower in Metro Manila;
2. Cause the implementation of the program and plans geared towards enhancing environmental quality of Metro Manila through landscaping development and management;