

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 290, September 22, 2000]

**STREAMLINING THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 131 and Executive Order No. 229 both dated July 22, 1987 instituted a Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) and provided the mechanisms for its implementation;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 129-A dated July 26, 1987 reorganized and strengthened the Department of Agrarian Reform in order to carry out its mandate;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6657, approved on June 19, 1988, redefined the scope of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program and re-emphasized its purpose/objective which is to ensure that the welfare of the landless farmers and farmworkers will receive the highest consideration to promise social justice and to move the nation towards sound rural development and industrialization;

WHEREAS, there is a need to rationalize, re-align and streamline the present organization structure and functions of the Department in order to respond to the new thrusts as spelled out under RA 6657, to meet the challenges of the global and modernizing economy and to attune itself to emerging local and international development imperatives and deliver its services to its clientele with greater efficiency and effectiveness;

WHEREAS, Section 20, Chapter 7, Title I, Book II of Executive Order No. 292 series of 1987, otherwise known as the "Administrative Code of 1987," empowers the President of the Philippines to exercise such powers and functions as are vested in him under the law;

WHEREAS, Section 76 of the General Provisions of RA 8760, otherwise known as the "General Appropriations Act of 2000," empowers the President to direct changes in organization and key positions of any department, bureau or agency;

WHEREAS, Section 78 of the same Act provides, among others, that the heads of departments, bureau, offices and agencies and other entities in the Executive Branch are directed to conduct a comprehensive review of their respective mandates, functions, programs, projects, activities and systems and procedures; identify activities which are no longer essential in the delivery of public services and which may be scaled down, phased down, or abolished; and adopt measures that will result in the improved overall performance and productivity of their respective agencies;

WHEREAS, Section 32 of Executive Order No. 129-A provides that "No change in