

# **[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 64, January 15, 1999 ]**

## **PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUDGET DIALOGUE GROUP**

WHEREAS, the Government is committed to bring down the budget deficit to manageable levels and ensure a prudent expenditure program in order to hasten our recovery from the Asian currency crisis;

WHEREAS, the Government is further committed to consult and work closely with members of Congress, business sector, and other representatives of civil society to attain these objectives;

WHEREAS, the Ten-Point Agenda of the Estrada Administration provided for the establishment of a Budget Dialogue Group that will recommend comprehensive budget reforms and other measures to attain fiscal discipline and efficient resource allocation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Establishment of a Budget Dialogue Group. A Budget Dialogue Group is hereby constituted to formulate and recommend to the President the necessary budget reforms and measures to ensure fiscal integrity and efficiency.

SECTION 2. Composition. The Group shall be chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management with the following as members:

Secretary, Department of Agriculture as Chairman of Cabinet Cluster A (Agri-Industrial Development Cluster)

2. Secretary, Department of Finance as Chairman of Cabinet Cluster B (Macroeconomy and Finance)

3. Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority as Chairman of Cabinet Cluster C (Human Resource Development Cluster)

4. Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways as representative of Cabinet Cluster D (Physical Infrastructure Cluster)

5. Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs as Chairman of Cabinet Cluster E (National Security and Political Development)

6. President, League of Provinces

7. President, League of Cities

8. President, League of Municipalities