

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 85, March 13, 1999]

GRANTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE OF THE PHILIPPINES (NDCP) AUTHORITY TO CREATE, ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, MERGE AND ABOLISH INSTITUTES AND CENTERS OF LEARNING AND SPECIAL STUDIES DEVOTED TO NATIONAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND TO ACCEPT GRANTS AND ENDOWMENTS, TO RECEIVE IN TRUST LEGACIES, DEVISES, DONATIONS IN CASH OR PROPERTY AND TO ADMINISTER AND UTILIZE THE SAME FOR THE BENEFIT OF THIS INSTITUTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 190, as amended by Presidential Decree 452, created and organized the National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP) to conduct advanced programs in national security administration;

WHEREAS, under Sections 60-62, Chapter 10, Subtitle II, Title VIII, of Executive Order No. 292, and the implementing rules and regulations of PD 190, as amended, the College is mandated to train and develop the skills and upgrade the competence of potential national defense leaders, civilian officials of the different agencies and instrumentalities of the government and selected executives from the private sector in the formulation and implementation of national security policies and for high command and staff duty;

WHEREAS, in order to effectively fulfill its mission and attain its objective, the College would need to have specific authority to create, establish, maintain and later, merge or even abolish institutes and centers of learning and special studies devoted to national security administration and adopt academic, training and research programs;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to supplement the continuing annual appropriations made by Congress to the College by grants, endowments, bequests, donations and contributions from individuals, corporations and other entities that are aware of the tremendous responsibilities of the institution and are able and willing to provide continuing support to it, financially, or otherwise, and thus enable the College to successfully implement its plans and programs;

WHEREAS, under Section 12 of RA 8745, otherwise known as the 1999 General Appropriations Act, the NDCP is authorized to accept donations, contributions, grants, bequests or gifts, in cash or in kind, to be administered and disbursed subject to conditions stipulated in the same section;

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure continuity in the plans and programs of the College by a fixed term of office for its officials and faculty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by law, do hereby order that: