

## [ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 103, May 25, 1999 ]

### **ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ON FOOD SECURITY UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS, with the onset of globalization and the implementation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade-World Trade Order (GATT-WTO), the Philippine agriculture and fishery sectors have to be strengthened through modernization, greater participation of farmers and fisherfolk, food security and self-sufficiency, private sector participation and people empowerment;

WHEREAS, the State has declared agriculture as the centerpiece of development of the current administration to uplift the plight of the masses in the rural areas;

WHEREAS, the government has launched agricultural development programs, with the primary goal of attaining national food security at all times;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a coordinating body that shall oversee, unify and integrate the administration and implementation of the government's food security programs; and

WHEREAS, under Sec. 31, Title III, Book III of Administrative Code of 1987, the President has a continuing authority to reorganize his Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby establish the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Food Security (OPAFS) under the Office of the President, and providing the necessary funds and its Secretariat.

#### SECTION 1. Functions of the OPAFS.

The OPAFS shall have the following functions:

- a) Coordinate and evaluate the programs, projects, activities and accomplishments of all government agencies responsible in the implementation of the different aspects of food security;
- b) Oversee, monitor and recommend policies, programs and other measures related to food security for their effective formulation and implementation;
- c) Serve as the Secretariat of the National Council on Food Security. The Presidential Adviser on Food Security shall serve as Co-Chairman of the Council;
- d) Manage the Agriculture Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (ACEF);
- e) Call on any department, office, agency and other instrumentalities of the government for assistance in the discharge of its functions;
- f) Consolidate and submit periodic reports to the President on the status of food security programs; and