

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 356, July 12, 1996]

**AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 203, "CREATING THE
OVERSIGHT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES FOR THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT'S MAJOR SOCIAL REFORM AGENDA," AND
PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE GUIDELINES ON THE
INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT TO FAST-TRACK SRA
LOCALIZATION**

WHEREAS, it has been a declared policy of the State to declare an all-out war against poverty as a major component of the Philippines 2000 and as embodied in the Philippine Medium Term Development Plan towards a common vision of an improved quality of life for every Filipino;

WHEREAS, the Social Reform Agenda is the operationalization of the people empowerment track of Philippines 2000 and has been expanded to become the Integrated National Action Agenda on Anti-Poverty as adopted during the National Anti-Poverty Summit held last 19-20 March 1996;

WHEREAS, the attainment of the common vision of winning the war against poverty entails an energized bureaucracy and a participative civil society that adhere to continuous consensus-building processes to effectively fast-track the localization of the SRA in order to achieve the two-pronged objectives of reaching the national target of reducing poverty incidence by 30% in 1998 and ensuring that all relevant policies, programs, projects and resources reach the targeted sectors and communities at the grassroots level;

WHEREAS, the geographic target of the SRA implementation has been expanded from the 20 priority provinces to all regions, provinces, cities and municipalities nationwide which requires a strengthening of existing networks and organizations and broader participation from all stakeholders particularly the local government units and the basic sectors;

WHEREAS, the war against poverty should be broken down into manageable battles that define the areas of engagement and specific roles and accountabilities of major stakeholders at the national and sub-national levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of powers vested upon me by law, do hereby order the adoption of the guidelines on the institutional arrangements to fast-track the localization of the SRA as the Integrated National Action Agenda on Anti-Poverty;

SECTION 1. All National Government Agencies and Local Government Units are hereby directed to adopt the guidelines on the SRA Institutional Arrangements issued by the Social Reform Council (SRC). They are also directed to conduct in-house orientation and disseminate this guidelines to all their officials and personnel.