

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 158, February 18, 1994 ]**

**CREATING A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO FORMULATE  
SHORT AND LONG-TERM PLANS FOR THE RESTORATION AND  
PRESERVATION OF THE IFUGAO RICE TERRACES IN THE  
MUNICIPALITIES OF BANAUE, HUNGDUAN, MAYOYAO AND  
KIANGAN**

WHEREAS, the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan, 1993-1998 (MTPDP) as approved by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board, shall be the basis for all development activities to be undertaken by the government during said Plan period;

WHEREAS, an important component of the MTPDP is the National Tourism Master Plan of the Department of Tourism (DOT) which identifies the area covering as a major destination for tourism in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, under Proclamation No. 1522, the rice terraces in the municipalities of Banaue, Kiangan, Mayoyao and Hungduan in the Province of Ifugao were declared tourist zone under the administration and control of the Philippine Tourism Authority pursuant to Section 5 (D) of P.D. No. 564;

WHEREAS, to enable the Government to undertake measures to restore and preserve the Ifugao rice terraces and promote the accelerated socio-economic development of the area consistent with the concept of sustainable development, there is a need to create a body that shall formulate short and long-term plans for the area covered herein as well as address certain policy, planning and implementation issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. There is hereby created under the Office of the President a Presidential Commission to be called the Ifugao Terraces Commission for the restoration and preservation of the Ifugao Rice Terraces in the municipalities of Banaue, Kiangan, Hungdungan and Mayoyao in Ifugao, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, composed of the following:

Secretary of Tourism	Chairman
Secretary of Agriculture	Vice Chairman
Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources	Member
Secretary of Public Works and Highways	Member

Secretary of Interior and Local Governments	Member
Secretary of Trade and Industry	Member
Secretary of Agrarian Reform	Member
Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports	Member
Head, Presidential Management Staff	Member
Governor of Ifugao	Member
Congressman of Ifugao	Member
Mayors of the concerned Local Government Units	Member
Local Government Units	Member
Executive Director of the Cordillera Executive Board	Member

A representative each from the business, agricultural, and religious sectors and Non-Governmental Organizations shall serve as Consultants to the Commission.

The Philippine Tourism Authority shall initially serve as Technical Secretariat of the Commission is to be headed by an Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the President.

Section 2. The Commission shall be an advisory body to the President and shall exercise the following functions and responsibilities:

a. Formulate a Three-Year Ifugao Terraces Master Plan by September 30, 1994 and a Six-Year Integrated Master Plan for the whole area covering Banaue, Kiangan, Hungdungan, and Mayoyao by December 1, 1994, based on the following guidelines:

(1) Restoration and Preservation of the area's terraces, protection of its ecological balance and enhancement of its environment;

(2) Maximum enjoyment and easy access or ordinary people to public areas;

(3) Rational-land use and zoning plan considering that the Ifugao Rice Terraces are national treasure and tourist destination of Filipinos from all parts as well as foreign visitors;

(4) Prohibition/control of unusually tall and unstable and obstructive structures obscuring public view of the natural beauty of the surroundings in accordance with the zoning ordinances of the local government units concerned and subject to the pertinent laws rules and regulations on the matter;