

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 190, July 19, 1994]

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLAN 2000 AND ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the vital role of information and communication in nation-building, and, in its commitment to regulate the transfer and promotion of the adaptation of technology from all sources for the national benefit, encourages the widest participation of both the public and private sectors in the utilization of technology;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is steadfast in its vision of becoming a Newly Industrializing Country by the year 2000, and thus, resolves to enhance its global competitiveness;

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WHEREAS, when properly harnessed, IT is a tool that empowers people, increases productivity, creates business opportunities and, essentially, enables us to do more with less; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to draw up a comprehensive and integrated IT national policy framework within the context of the Medium-Term Philippines Development Plan.

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. *Approval of the NITP.* – The National Information Technology Plan 2000 (NITP2000), hereto attached, is hereby approved.

a. recommend to the President policies relative to the implementation of the NITP2000 in consultation with all agencies concerned;

b. monitor and ensure the implementation, and undertake review and periodic upgrading, of the NITP2000;

c. recommend to the President a legislative agenda that will promote the accelerated development and application of IT in the country;

d. monitor the major IT projects, significant developments and activities that affect NITP2000, especially in the government, through an institutionalized system of networking;

e. assess, review and provide direction for continuing research on various relevant aspects of IT, including the assessment of the IT industry's progress and problems;