

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 127, September 30, 1993]

**REDEFINING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS COUNCIL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
CULTURE AND SPORTS**

WHEREAS, Section 2 (1), Article XIV of the Constitution provides that the State shall "[e]stablish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society;" WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 806 (1982) created the Textbook Council for "the formulation of policies on and the selection of textbooks, supplementary and reference books in the public elementary and secondary schools, as well as the approval of textbooks for private elementary and secondary schools;"

WHEREAS, the General Appropriations Acts of 1983 and 1984 (B.P. Nos. 230 and 640, respectively,) referred to an Instructional Materials Council instead of a Textbook Council;

WHEREAS, on 13 November 1985, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports (MECS) issued MECS Order No. 64 (s. 1985) which specifically stated that the Textbook Council "has been renamed the Instructional Materials Council in the annual appropriations for 1983 and 1984;"

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 117 (1987) and Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, provided for the attachment of the Instructional Materials Council to the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS); and

WHEREAS, there is a need to revitalize the Instructional Materials Council by redefining its functions.

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. The Instructional Materials Council, hereafter referred to as the "Council", which is an attached agency of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports and which was established primarily as the policy-making agency on textbooks, supplementary and reference books, and other instructional materials for use in elementary and secondary schools, shall have the following functions:

- a. Select and prescribe textbook and supplementary and reference books for use in public elementary and secondary schools, consistent with the curricula approved by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports;
- b. Approve textbooks for use in private elementary and secondary schools;