

[**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 149, December 28, 1993**]

STREAMLINING OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, the government is committed to streamline the bureaucracy, and specifically adopt a homogeneous grouping of functionally related government agencies;

WHEREAS, several agencies now under the Office of the President perform functions that are similar and/or related to those of a certain departments and/or agencies and can therefore be made more effective if transferred thereto for policy and program coordination and integration and/or administrative supervision; and

WHEREAS, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, provides continuing authority to the President to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President.

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. **Declaration of Policy.** It is hereby declared the policy of government, in general, and of the Office of the President, in particular, to streamline the bureaucracy and effect the homogeneous grouping of functions and agencies to appropriate departments and or agencies. Accordingly, an agency may be placed under the Office of the President subject to the following conditions:

- (a) such agency provides direct staff assistance and support to the President; or
- (b) such agency performs functions that require the immediate attention of the President.

Section 2. **Streamline Of The Office of the President.** In accordance with the policies enunciated in this Executive Order, the Office of the President shall be streamlined and re-structured, through the following dispositive actions:

- (a) Transfer and attachment of agencies/government-owned and/or controlled corporations to appropriate departments or agencies for policy and program coordination and integration and/or administrative supervision;
- (b) Integration of agencies/government-owned and/or controlled corporations with departments or agencies;
- (c) Abolition of functions, programs or agencies, subject to pertinent provisions of law; and

(d) Retention of agencies/government-owned and/or controlled corporations with the Office of the President, subject to the conditions set forth in Section 1 of this Executive Order.

Section 3. **Dispositive Actions.** The transfer or integration of the following agencies/government-owned and/or controlled corporations from the Office of the President to the departments and/or agencies hereunder indicated shall be effected as follows:

3.1 Transfer of Regular Agencies to Appropriate Departments and/or Agencies. The following agencies are hereby transferred from the Office of the President to the respective departments and/or agencies indicated thereunder, for policy and program coordination and integration and/or administrative supervision:

(a) The National Statistical Coordination Board to the National Economic and Development Authority;

(b) The Commission on Filipino Language to the Department of Education, Culture and Sports;

(c) The Philippine Center Management Board to the Department of Foreign Affairs;

(d) National Statistics Office to the National Economic and Development Authority; and

(e) The Statistical Research and Training Center to the National Economic and Development Authority.

3.2. Transfer of Government-Owned and/or Controlled Corporations to Appropriate Departments and/or Agencies. The following government-owned and/or controlled corporations are hereby transferred from the Office of the President to the respective departments and/or agencies indicated hereunder, for policy and program coordination and/or administrative supervision, consistent with pertinent provision of Administrative Order No. 59 (s. 1988) and other applicable laws, rules and regulations:

(a) The Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation to the Department of Finance;

(b) The Laguna Lake Development Authority to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources; and

(c) The Philippine Center for Economic Development to the University of the Philippines System.

3.3. Transfer of Regular Agencies for Administrative Supervision and Eventual Abolition. The following agencies from the Office of the President are hereby transferred to the departments and/or agencies indicated hereunder, and shall be eventually abolished in accordance with law and the terms of Section 5 of this Executive Order:

(a) The Economic Support Fund Secretariat To the Department of Public Works and Highways;

(b) The Board of Liquidators to the National Development Company;