

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6, July 14, 1992]

PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL FOR COUNTRYSIDE DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the government gives priority to the empowerment of the people in order to improve the socio-economic condition of the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, this can be accomplished only if tangible and sustainable developments are made in the Philippine countryside where majority of the Filipino people reside;

WHEREAS, this can be achieved with greater efficiency if a mechanism acting as integrator for programs to be implemented by government agencies and non-government organizations for the countryside can be created;

WHEREAS, under the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has continuing powers to recognize the Office of the President and to transfer functions from one agency to another;

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

Section 1. Structural Organization. - There is hereby created under the Office of the President a Presidential Council for Countryside Development, hereinafter referred to as Council, composed of the Presidential Adviser for Rural Development as Chairman and the following members: the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Agrarian Reform, the Secretary of Trade and Industry, the Secretary of Interior and Local Government, the Secretary of Public Works and Highways, the Secretary of Science and Technology, the Director-General of the National Economic Development Authority, the Head of the Presidential Management Staff, the President of the Land Bank of the Philippines, the Chairman of the Development Bank of the Philippines, and the President of the Philippine National Bank. The Chairman and members of the Council shall serve without compensation.

Section 2. Functions of the Council. - The Council shall be an advisory body to the President. It shall have the following functions:

(a) Identify and recommend target provinces for the implementation of an accelerated comprehensive countryside development program;

(b) Initiate discussions with local government executives and private sector representatives, through the appropriate departments and agencies, for the purposes of drafting a Master Plan for countryside development in its target areas;

(c) Recommend the conceptualization and implementation of pilot projects in priority areas in coordination with the local government units (LGUs) and non-