

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3, July 07, 1992]

**CREATING A PRESIDENTIAL ANTI-CRIME COMMISSION TO
IDENTIFY AND CAUSE THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION
OF CRIMINAL ELEMENTS IN THE COUNTRY**

WHEREAS, the country has witnessed the escalation of crimes with organized and syndicated elements habitually committing crimes to the detriment of peace and order and public welfare, individuals and families being victimized and brutalized in heinous crimes, unscrupulous groups and individuals disparaging the environment and natural resources of the country, notorious elements committing crimes with impunity due to political connections, and law enforcement personnel taking advantage of their uniforms in the pursuit of lawless undertaking;

WHEREAS, eradication of crime and criminal elements is among the priorities of the present administration;

WHEREAS, under the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the Office of the President and to transfer functions from one agency or department to another; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a commission specially tasked to direct and coordinate the functions and activities of law enforcement, investigation and prosecution agencies, is imperative in order to bring about a more vigorous campaign against criminality.

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. ORGANIZATION. There is hereby created a Presidential Anti-Crime Commission (hereinafter called the "COMMISSION") under the Office of the President.

SEC. 2. COMPOSITION. The Commission shall be composed of the Vice-President of the Philippines, in his capacity as Presidential Adviser on Crime Prevention and Law Enforcement, as Chairman; the Secretary of Justice as Vice-Chairman; and, the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, and two representatives of non-government organizations (NGO) which are involved in crime prevention and improvement of law enforcement, as Members. The NGO representatives shall be designated by the President upon recommendation of the Chairman.

SEC. 3. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. The Commission shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Cause or direct the immediate investigation and speedy prosecution of cases enumerated under Section 4 hereof involving violations of the Revised Penal Code

and other special laws which have been referred to or received by the Commission, or cases that the President may refer to the Commission;

b. Direct the transfer of cases from any law enforcement agency or prosecution office, as the Commission may deem proper and necessary, in the interest of efficient and expeditious dispensation of criminal justice, and direct that such cases be investigated or prosecuted, as the case may be, by the appropriate operating or implementing agency herein provided for.

c. Refer, as the Commission may deem proper and for the same reasons stated in the preceding paragraph, to the appropriate law enforcement agency or prosecution office, the investigation or prosecution, as the case may be, of any of the cases adverted to in paragraph (a) hereof;

d. Enlist the assistance of any branch, department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations, in the anti-crime drive, which may include the use of its personnel, facilities and resources for a more resolute prevention, detection and investigation of crimes, and prosecution of criminal offenders;

e. Monitor the progress of ongoing investigation and prosecution of cases taken cognizance of by the Commission;

f. Prepare and implement a fast track anti-crime action agenda and adopt appropriate measures to ensure an effective and efficient anti-crime drive;

g. Recommend appropriate anti-crime issuances and legislations to the President and Congress;

h. Grant monetary rewards and incentives to informants who are willing to give vital information to build up the case for the prosecution of criminal offenders as provided under existing laws;

i. Direct the Witness Protection Security and Benefit Program Committee of the Department of Justice to evaluate and assess witnesses who may qualify under the provisions of Republic Act No. 6981, otherwise known as the Witness Protection, Security and Benefit Act; and

j. Perform such other functions as the President may assign.

SEC. 4. OFFENSES COVERED. In the discharge of its functions, the Commission shall have the authority to take cognizance of the following crimes:

a. Those committed by organized/syndicated crime groups, including but not limited to: gunrunning, illegal logging, robbery, kidnapping for ransom, white slave trade, illegal recruitment, carnapping, smuggling, piracy, drug-trafficking, falsification of land titles and other government forms, large scale swindling, film piracy, counterfeiting and bank frauds.

An organized/syndicated crime group means a group of two or more persons collaborating, confederating or mutually helping one another in the commission of any crime.