

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7, July 05, 1992]

PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT IN MINDANAO AND VISAYAS, ASSIGNING A PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT FOR MINDANAO AND VISAYAS, DEFINING THEIR FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to further decentralize the operations of government down to the field in order to effectively ensure the delivery of basic services to the people;

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 to another;

WHEREAS, this policy is implemented by, among others, grouping local government units and regions into areas of responsibility in order to allow greater coordination and more efficient administration;

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

Section 1. Extension Offices. - There are hereby created extension offices of the Office of the President in Mindanao and Visayas, which shall be located in Davao City and Cebu City, respectively. They shall be headed by a Presidential Assistant for Mindanao and Visayas, who shall be the personal representative of the President in the Mindanao and Visayas, respectively.

The PA for Mindanao shall likewise be the Chairman of the Mindanao Economic Development Council created pursuant to Executive Order No. 512.

Sec. 2. Functions, Powers and Responsibilities of the PA. - The PA shall have the following functions, powers, and responsibilities:

1. Monitor the planning and implementation of critical development programs and projects in his area of responsibility. He shall anticipate and where necessary step in to resolve any bottlenecks that may arise in the planning or implementation of critical development programs and projects. He is vested with presidential authority to call upon any agency of the government and coordinate with local government units (LGUs) to undertake actions deemed necessary to attain the development objectives of the area;

- 2 Provide assistance to local government units (LGUs) for matters requiring the attention of the Office of the President (OP) and other national government agencies;