

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 115, December 24, 1986]

**REORGANIZING THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND
DEFINING ITS MEMBERSHIP, FUNCTION, AND AUTHORITY AND
OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the formulation and adoption of integrated and rationalized national, foreign, military, political, economic, social and educational policies, programs, and procedures are vital to the security of the state;

WHEREAS, it is, therefore, in the national interest that an agency exists purposely to formulate and adopt policies, programs, and procedures on all matters pertaining to or affecting the national security so that judgments and actions thereon by the President may rest on sound advice and accurate information.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order and direct:

SECTION 1. The National Security Council (hereinafter referred to as the NSC) is hereby reorganized. It shall henceforth be composed of the President, the Vice-President and Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Executive Secretary, the Minister of Labor and Employment, the Minister of Local Government, the National Security Director, the Chief of Staff of the New Armed Forces of the Philippines, and such other government officials and private citizens as the President may designate from time to time.

SECTION 2. The NSC shall have an Executive Committee composed of the President, the Vice-President and Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Executive Secretary, the Minister of National Defense, the National Security Director, the Chief of Staff of the New Armed Forces of the Philippines and such other members or advisers as the President may designate from time to time.

The Executive Committee shall review national security and defense problems and formulate positions and/or solutions for consideration by the NSC. It shall determine the agenda and order of business of the NSC, and shall ensure that decisions of the NSC are clearly communicated to the agencies involved. It shall advise the President on the implementation of decisions.

To carry out the functions of the Executive Committee, the Chairman, shall utilize the facilities and expertise of the any of the government agencies and instrumentalities and shall promulgate rules and regulations to govern the operations of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3. The NSC shall be the lead agency of the government for coordinating the formulation of policies, relating to or with implications on the national security.