

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17, August 24, 1962]

**CREATING THE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AGENCY FOR
CARRYING OUT THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Government under its present structure needs an appropriate coordinating and implementing agency to carry out the Socio-Economic Program;

WHEREAS, there is necessity for a single agency in the Government to be in charge of and responsible for analytical staff work at the highest level to insure consistency of action in program implementation and matters of policy formulation involved therein;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the President know as intimately as possible the plans, policy proposals, methods and problems related to the primary goal of accelerated economic growth; and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary that the best possible technical staff work be available to the President at all times to provide him with the necessary information for day-to-day decisions as well as for policy formulation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Diosdado Macapagal, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create the Program Implementation Agency under the Office of the President which shall serve as the technical staff of the President responsible for the determination of economic priorities in the allocation of public funds, for technical and policy research, and for other related actions necessary to effect the coordination and implementation of the Socio-Economic Program.

1. The Agency shall be directly under and responsible to, the President of the Philippines.
2. The Agency shall be headed by a Presidential Economic Assistant to be known as Director-General who shall have Cabinet rank.
3. The Agency shall have such personnel as may be assigned or detailed to it from departments, bureaus, offices and instrumentalities of the Government and such other personnel as the President may deem necessary for the performance of the Agency's work. All positions in the Agency are hereby declared to be highly technical and/or primarily confidential in nature.
4. The duly authorized officials of the Agency shall have the authority, on behalf of the President of the Philippines, to secure data and information directly from all government offices and entities and to consult and confer with the officers and personnel thereof, on such matters as may be necessary for the Agency to discharge its functions.
5. The Agency shall have the following functions and responsibilities: