[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 162, August 19, 1993]

PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE DISPOSITION OF CONFISCATED LOGS, LUMBER, AND OTHER FOREST PRODUCTS FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND OTHER PURPOSES

I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby promulgate the following guidelines in the disposition of confiscated logs, lumber and other forest products:

SECTION 1.   Coverage — The following confiscated logs, lumber, and other forest products may be disposed through donation:

(a) Those which are not subject of a pending case in court or with other appropriate office;
(b) Those without claimants or offenders against whom the case could be filed; and
(c) Those found abandoned within forest areas, the ownership of which could not be ascertained and without claimants.

SECTION 2.   Beneficiaries — The following are qualified to receive donations of confiscated logs, lumber and other forest products:

(a) Barangays;
(b) Municipal and Provincial Governments;
(c) Other Government agencies, who by the nature of their functions require wood materials or other forest products in order to enhance their services to the general public.

SECTION 3.   Supporting Documents — The request for donation shall be supported by the following documents:

(a) Justification for the construction/establishment of the infrastructure;
(b) Bill of materials and building plan duly approved by the Project Engineer; provided that in the case of barangay constructions or similar projects, a simple sketch plan duly signed by the building foreman or barangay captain shall be sufficient;
(c) Certification by the Provincial Auditor that there is no fund or appropriation for the purchase of the required wood materials; provided that for barangay constructions or similar projects, a certification from the Municipal Development Officer shall be sufficient; and
(d) Certification from the CENRO/PENRO/Regional Office concerned that said volume or amount of forest products is available for disposition.