

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 325, April 12, 1996]

**REORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS
[REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 308, SERIES OF 1987, AS
AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 318, (S. OF 1988), 347
(S. OF 1989), 366 (S. OF 1989), 455 (S. OF 1991) AND 505 (S.
1992)]**

WHEREAS, Articles X, Section 14 of the Constitution provides that the President shall create regional development councils (RDCs) and other similar bodies composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments and other government offices and representatives from non-governmental organizations within the regions;

WHEREAS, the purposes for the creation of the RDCs are administrative decentralization to strengthen the autonomy of the local government units therein and to accelerate the socio-economic development of the regions;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State that socio-economic development programs and activities of government be undertaken with the extensive and active participation and support from, and coordination of, various government agencies, as well as private sector institutions at the national, regional and local levels;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide for a responsive forum at the regions for the meaningful participation and support from the concerned members of the House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reorganize and strengthen the RDCs to make them more effective institutions in the regions responsible for ensuring sustainable, participatory and equitable development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby repeal EO 308 s. 1987, as amended, and order to wit :

SECTION 1. *Regular Members.* — The following shall be the regular RDC members:

- a. all provincial governors;
- b. all city mayors;
- c. mayors of municipalities designated as provincial capitals;
- d. all presidents of the provincial league of mayors;
- e. the mayors of the municipality designated as the regional center;

f. the regional directors of agencies represented in the National Economic and Development Authority Board (NEDA, DAR, DA, DBM, DENR, DOF, DFA, DOH, DILG, DOLE, DPWH, DOST, DTI, DOTC, BSP) and the regional directors of DECS, DSWD, and DOT; provided that each agency shall be represented by only one regional director; and

g. private sector representatives (PSRs) who shall comprise one-fourth of the members of the fully-constituted council.

SECTION 2. *Selection of PSRs.* — The selection of private sector representatives to the RDC shall be done in accordance with the guidelines approved by the NEDA Board.

SECTION 3. *Special Members.* — The RDC, subject to the concurrence of majority of its regular members, may designate special non-voting members of the Council.

SECTION 4. *Functions of the RDC.* — The RDC shall have the following functions:

a. Coordinate the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of short and long-term regional development plans and investment programs, regional physical framework plan and special development plans, including the formulation of policy recommendations;

b. Integrate approved development plans of provinces and cities, line agencies, state universities and colleges, government owned and controlled corporations and special development authorities in the region into the regional development plan;

c. Review, prioritize, and endorse to the national government the annual and multi-year sectoral investment programs of the region for funding and implementation;

d. Review and endorse to the national government the annual budgets of agency regional offices, state colleges and universities and special development authorities;

e. Promote and direct the inflow and allocation of private investments in the region to support regional development objectives, policies and strategies;

f. Review and endorse national plans, programs and projects proposed for implementation in the regions;

g. As required by the Investment Coordinating Committee (ICC), review and endorse projects of national government agencies that have impact on the region and projects of LGUs in the region requiring national government financial exposure which may come in the form of guarantees, national government budget appropriations or subsidies, among others;

h. Initiate and coordinate the development, funding and implementation of regional and special development projects such as those involving several agencies or LGUs;

i. Coordinate the monitoring and evaluation of development projects undertaken by government agencies, local government units, state colleges and universities, government-owned and/or — controlled corporations and special development