

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 342, June 06, 1996]

**PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE GOLF COURSE
CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF GOLF COURSES**

WHEREAS, the popularity of golf as a sport and tourist attraction has created a big demand for the construction and development of lands into golf courses and the necessary support facilities;

WHEREAS, the said construction, development, and operation of golf courses may result in disturbance of the environment and the ecology, in utilization of vast amounts of water and other scarce natural resources, withdrawal of lands from agricultural production, application of harmful chemicals and substances, and disposal of waste products into the environment;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent necessity for the adoption and implementation of uniform and comprehensive measures to address the foregoing concerns, and to solve them within the framework of national development goals;

WHEREAS, the said measures, to be comprehensive and to be effectively implemented, will require the participation of all the involved agencies of the government and of the private sector particularly the Republic of the Philippines Golf Association.

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

1. No Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) shall be issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the construction, development and operation of golf courses unless favorably recommended by the Golf Course Construction and Development Committee (Committee).
2. The Committee is hereby created composed of the following:
 - a. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, as the lead agency
 - b. Republic of the Philippines Golf Association, as the co-lead agency
 - c. Department of Public Works and Highways
 - d. Department of Tourism