

## [ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 341, June 05, 1996 ]

### CREATING THE PRESIDENTIAL FACT-FINDING COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

**WHEREAS**, the investigation of the TOPWEB (The Office of the President Web) controversy has been concluded with the submission of the Investigation Committee's final report;

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the conclusion of the TOPWEB investigation, the information technology (IT) industry has been clamoring for a wider and deeper probe into the integrity of other government IT projects;

**WHEREAS**, there has arisen a clear need not only to respond to such clamor but also to conduct a survey of the government IT landscape with a view to the formulation of policies and guidelines that will govern future projects;

**WHEREAS**, the government has become the country's biggest customer of computer systems, supplies and services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**Section 1.** The Presidential Commission. – There is hereby created a Presidential Fact Finding Commission on Government Information Technology Projects, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. The Commission shall immediately begin its work after its constitution and shall accomplish its objectives within three (3) months, after which, unless extended by the President, it shall be dissolved.

**Section 2.** Composition. – The Commission whose members shall be appointed by the President shall be composed of a Chairman and four (4) members two of whom shall come from the IT private sector.

**Section 3.** Functions. – The Commission shall have the following objectives:

3.1. Review and, if necessary, investigate the bidding rules, procedures, conduct and other circumstances of large-scale government IT projects; "large-scale" for this purpose refers to projects costing at least One Million Pesos (P1,000,000) and shall cover, but not be limited to, those of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), Land Transportation Office (LTO), Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA);

3.2. Determine if any irregularities have been committed in any of these and identify instances calling for the filing of administrative, civil and criminal charges against government personnel and private individuals, as the case may be;

3.3. Formulate policies and guidelines to cover future government IT projects;