

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 247, May 20, 2000]

**SUPPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 191 ON THE
DEACTIVATION OF THE ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE AND
INVESTIGATION BUREAU AND FOR OTHER MATTERS**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 191, series of 2000, directs the deactivation of the Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau (EIIB), including the termination of integration of its employees, the transfer of its assets and the performance of its functions by other agencies, due to redundancy and duplication of functions;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8760 appropriated P44,922,000.00 for the specific purpose of winding up the activities and operations of the EIIB;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6656 recognizes the need to protect the security of tenure of civil service officers and employees in the reorganization process without sacrificing the promotion of morale, efficiency, integrity, responsiveness, progressiveness, and courtesy in the civil service pursuant to Article IX, B, Section 3 of the Constitution;

WHEREAS, there is a need to maintain and coordinate certain economic intelligence operations in the Department of Finance (DOF) and its attached bureaus and agencies;

WHEREAS, the deactivation of EIIB and the final disposition of its personnel, assets, and liabilities require inter-agency coordination;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Creation of Task Force. There is hereby created a special Task Force, to be headed by the Executive Secretary, with the Secretary of Finance, the Secretary of Budget and Management and the Secretary of Justice as members, that shall provide policy guidelines for the implementation of this executive order. The implementing details for these guidelines shall be prepare and issued by the Secretary of Finance.

Sec. 2. Transfer or Re-employment of EIIB Personnel. EIIB personnel shall be given priority in hiring for existing vacant positions in other government agencies, subject to compliance with established qualification standards set by the receiving agencies. The transfer to or re-employment of EIIB personnel with other agencies shall be exempt from the prohibition on new hiring under Administrative Order No. 100 dated 01 December 1999. All accrued leave credits of EIIB personnel shall be paid within reasonable time but subject to the availability of funds.