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SPECIAL ORDER No. 99- 104

SUBJECT: CREATION OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS OFFICE (IEAO) UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE

SECRETARY

In the interest of the service and due to the growing DENR international environmental concerns, the International Environmental Affairs Office (IEAO) is hereby created under the Office of the Secretary.

Likewise, there is an urgent need to designate a Senior Official to act as a focal point person to handle DENR commitments on international environmental matters and to institutionalize the International Environmental Affairs concern in order to maintain institutional memory.

The said office shall be headed by an Executive Director for International Affairs with designated Desk Officers for Regional Concerns, for U. N. Affairs, and for Bilateral Concerns. As such, Ms. AMELIA D. SUPETRAN is hereby designated as the Executive Director of IEAO. All international environmental affairs on Atmosphere which includes Montreal Protocol and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Convention on Biological Diversity, Oceans and Seas, Hazardous Substances and Activities (Basel Convention), International Trade Law, and Liability for Environmental Damage and Breaches of Environmental Obligations shall be under the IEAO to facilitate the development of Philippine positions for international environmental conventions and agreements in relation to Philippine Laws and Policies.

IEAO shall likewise have the following functions:

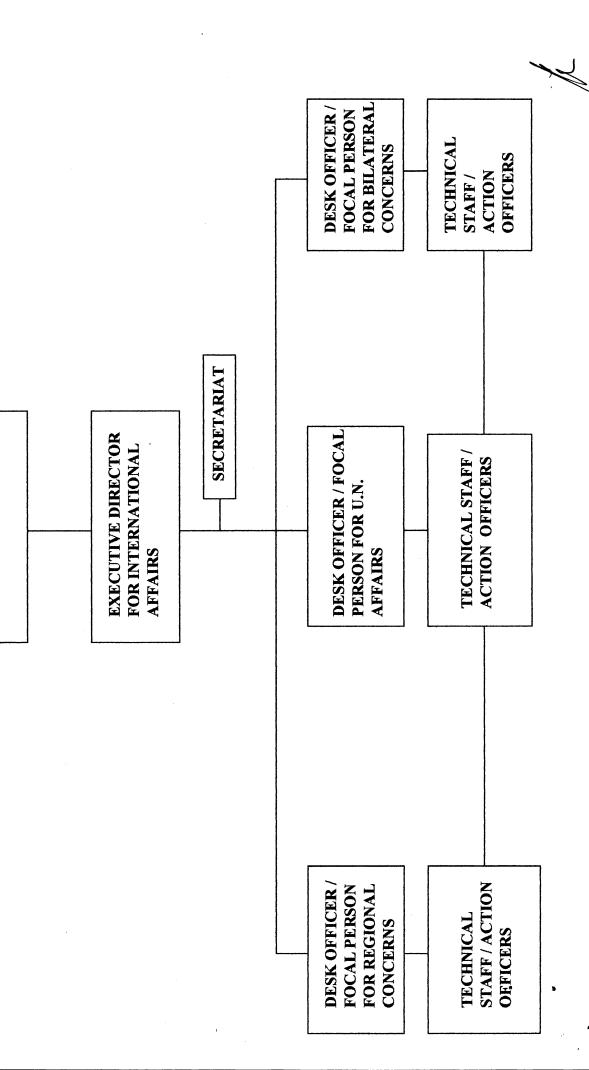
- 1. Organize environmental-related international conferences held in the Philippines;
- 2. Coordinate and monitor for the Secretary the implementation of DENR's commitments related to international environmental affairs;
- 3. Recommend and implement programs and strategies to enhance DENR's participation in the international community; and
- 4. Closely coordinate with Human Resource Management Service (HRMS) in terms of the conduct of training, seminar, workshops, conventions and conferences relative to international commitments.

The organizational set-up is attached for guidance.

This Order takes effect immediately and supersedes other Orders inconsistent herewith.

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