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**DENR SPECIAL ORDER**  
**No. 2002 - 1104**

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**SUBJECT : ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE FOR THE "DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL  
BIOSAFETY FRAMEWORK PROJECT"**

In the best interest of the service and in pursuit of the "Development of National Biosafety Framework (NBF) Project" of the Philippine Government, through the DENR, and the United Nations Environment Program – Global Environment Facility (UNEP-GEF), a National Coordinating Committee (NCC) for the said Project is hereby established composed of the following:

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	PRINCIPAL	ALTERNATE
1. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)	USEC for ENR, Legal, Lands and International Affairs and DENR-GEF Focal Point Chairperson	USEC for Policy and Planning
2. Department of Agriculture (DA)	USEC Segfredo Serrano Undersecretary for Planning Co-Chairperson	As may be designated by the DA Secretary
3. Department of Science and Technology (DOST)	USEC Rogelio A. Panlasigui Research and Development	As may be designated by the DOST Secretary
4. Department of Health (DOST)	Dr. Robert A. Sadang	Dr. Aleli Pagulayan-Sudiagal
5. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)	OIC-Dir. Erlinda F. Arcellana	Ms. Raquel B. Echague
6. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)	Dir. Teresita M. Mistal	As may be designated by the DILG Secretary
7. Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)	As may be designated by the DFA Secretary	As may be designated by the DFA Secretary
8. National Committee on Biosafety of the Philippines (NCBP)	Atty. Jose Maria A. Ochave	Dr. Ben Malayang III

The NCC shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Oversee the preparation of the National Biosafety Framework;
2. Approve the Project's detailed work and financial plan and Project documentation report upon endorsement by the DENR-Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau, the National Executing Agency of the Project;

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3. Mobilize necessary expertise to achieve the desired Project outputs;
4. Provide overall policy advice on the implementation of the Project and ensure that appropriate policies of the Government especially on environmental concerns are fully reflected in the project documentation;
5. Ensure that information on the implementation of the Project and its outputs are brought to the attention of appropriate local and national authorities for follow up action;
6. Assist in mobilizing available data and ensure a constant communication flow between and among all concerned parties;
7. Review and recommend approval of the National Biosafety Framework; and,
8. Submit to the DENR Secretary regular progress report on its operations.

The NCC shall be co-terminus with the NBF Project. It shall meet once a month or as often as necessary. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Co-Chairperson shall preside over the meeting. In the absence of both the Chair and Co-Chair, the Alternate Chair or Alternate Co-Chair shall preside over the meeting.

The NCC may tap the services of other experts and DENR personnel to ensure the timely completion of its tasks under this order.

The Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau shall serve as the Committee Secretariat, with members to be designated by its Director and an additional two (2) representatives from the Office of the DENR-GEF Focal Point. The Secretariat shall provide necessary administrative and technical support to the NCC in its operations.

Expenses to be incurred by the NCC and its Secretariat in pursuit of the provisions of this Order, to include traveling expenses and daily allowances during Committee meetings, shall be chargeable against the NBF Project Funds.

This Order takes effect immediately and remains valid and in force until the completion of the NBF Project.



HEHERSON T. ALVAREZ  
Secretary

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