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SPECIAL ORDER
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SUBJECT: CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) AND SUB-TWGs FOR THE CODIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (ENR) LAWS

In the interest of the service and to update and make the environment and natural resources (ENR) laws more responsive to the prevailing and emerging ENR concerns of the country, the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the codification of ENR laws is hereby created.

The TWG shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson : Director, Policy and Planning Service (PPS)
Members : Assistant Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau
Assistant Director, Environmental Management Bureau
Assistant Director, Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau
Assistant Director, Forest Management Bureau
Assistant Director, Land Management Bureau
Assistant Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau
Chief, Policy and Program Division, National Water Resources Board
Representative, River Basin Control Office
Representative, Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations – Luzon, Visayas and Environment
Representative, Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations – Mindanao
Representative, Legal Affairs Service

The TWG shall have the following functions:

1. Identify possible areas of reform and complementation among the different ENR laws based on the comprehensive review of the sectors and of the Consulting Firm to be procured by the PPS for the codification activity;
2. Provide guidance or direction to the Consulting Firm in the latter's review and crafting of the outputs/deliverables of the codification activity such as the draft updated sectoral laws (Phase 1) and, the draft ENR Management Code (Phase 2). The TWG shall be responsible for the review of these outputs; and


3. Conduct consultations with stakeholders regarding the draft updated sectoral laws, and the draft ENR Management Code.

The TWG shall be assisted by a Secretariat from the PPS-Policy Studies Division, which shall be responsible for coordinating with the Consulting Firm, Bureaus, NWRB, and other offices concerned.

Sub-TWGs shall also be created at the Bureaus and the NWRB which will be responsible for the comprehensive review of the law/s implemented by the sector, including proposed legislative measures and bills that have been filed in Congress. At the sectoral level, it shall also provide guidance to the Consulting Firm in the review and crafting of the updated sectoral laws (Phase 1). The Sub-TWG shall be composed of the different technical divisions, and shall be headed by the office responsible for policy and planning.

All expenses to be incurred in the conduct of activities of the TWG and sub-TWGs shall be charged against DENR funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order takes effect immediately.



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