

ORDER
May 18, 1993

**SUBJECT : Imposition of a Logging Moratorium in
the Province of Quirino**

The Office of the President referred to this Office the letter of Mayor Andres C. Blando of Nagtipunan with an attached Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 71, Series of 1992, of the same municipality reporting, inter alia, the "legalized plunder of the forest" in the Province of Quirino in general and in the Municipality of Nagtipunan in particular. Accordingly, a team of DENR personnel was tasked to investigate the matter and confirmed that rampant illegal logging is present thereat. It was also found out that Timber License Agreement (TLA) holders operated outside the areas covered by their approved Integrated Annual Operations Plan. Furthermore, a notoriously well-known mini-sawmill operator has been flagrantly illegally logging in the area in gross violation of the Mini-Sawmill Regulations.

These nefarious and deleterious activities should be curtailed, nay stopped to preserve and maintain the sustainable capacity of the remaining forest in the subject province and safeguard our ecological balance.

WHEREFORE, premises duly considered, a **LOGGING MORATORIUM** is hereby ordered imposed in the Province of Quirino. All logging activities and movements of logs and fitches within the entire Province of Quirino are likewise hereby ordered stopped effective immediately. The Regional Executive Director of DENR Region 2 is also hereby directed to implement strictly this order and to solicit the help of NGO's and the assistance of the Philippine National Police for the purpose.

This Order takes effect immediately.

SO ORDERED.

Quezon City, Metro Manila, 18 May 1993.

ANGEL C. ALCALA
Secretary