DENR Administrative Order No. 96-03 January 30, 1996

SUBJECT: Creation of an International Environmental Affairs Staff.

In view of the Department's growing international environmental concerns and to ensure compliance with its international commitments, and Ad-hoc International Environmental Affairs Staff (IEAS) is hereby created to perform the following functions:

- (1) coordinate implementation and monitoring of all DENR international commitments and other functions pertaining to international environmental affairs;
- (2) review and evaluate DENR compliance with international environmental agreements, conventions, protocols and other commitments;
- (3) recommend and implement programs and strategies that will enhance the Departments active participation in the international community; and
- (4) perform other functions as may be assigned by the Secretary.

The IEAS shall be supervised by the Undersecretary for Environment and Programs Development (EPD) who shall act as Senior Supervising Officer for all international environmental commitments of the Department. The IEAS shall be headed by a designated Coordinator, not lower than an Assistant Secretary, who shall report directly to the Undersecretary for EPD. The Coordinator shall

designate/determine the personnel of said Staff and their corresponding specific functions.

If deemed necessary, the Staff is authorized to engage the services of private individuals/consultants who shall assist the Staff in the performance of its functions.

All expenses incurred for this purpose shall be charged against DENR funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall supersede/amend all orders inconsistent herewith.

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