

# EXECUTIVE ORDERS

**Executive Order**

**No. 3**

**July 7, 1992**

**SUBJECT : Creating a Presidential Anti-Crime Commission to Identify and Cause the Investigation and Prosecution of Criminal Elements in the Country**

**WHEREAS**, the country has witnessed the escalation of crimes with organized and syndicated elements habitually committing crimes to the detriment of peace and order and public welfare, individuals and families being victimized and brutalized in heinous crimes, unscrupulous groups and individuals disparaging the environment and natural resources of the country, notorious elements committing crimes with impunity due to political connections, and law enforcement personnel taking advantage of their uniforms in the pursuit of lawless undertaking;

**WHEREAS**, eradication of crime and criminal elements is among the priorities of the present administration;

**WHEREAS**, under the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the Office of the President and to transfer functions from one agency or department to another; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a commission specially tasked to direct and coordinate the functions and activities of law enforcement, investigation and prosecution agencies, is imperative in order to bring about a more vigorous campaign against criminality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**Sec. 1 Organization.** There is hereby created a Presidential Anti-Crime Commission (hereinafter called the "COMMISSION") under the Office of the President.

**Sec. 2 Composition.** The Commission shall be composed of the Vice-President of the Philippines, in his capacity as Presidential Adviser on Crime Prevention and Law Enforcement, as Chairman; the Secretary of Justice as Vice-Chairman; and the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government, and two representatives of non-government organizations (NGO) which are involved in crime prevention and improvement of law enforcement, as Members. The NGO representatives shall be designated by the President upon recommendation of the Chairman.

**Sec. 3 Powers and Functions.** The Commission shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Cause or direct the immediate investigation and speedy prosecution of cases enumerated under Section 4 hereof involving violations of the Revised Penal Code and other special laws which have been referred to or received by the Commission, or cases that the President may refer to the Commission;
- b. Direct the transfer of cases from any law enforcement agency or prosecution office, as the Commission may deem proper and necessary, in the interest of efficient and expeditious dispensation of criminal justice, and direct that such cases be investigated or prosecuted, as the case may be, by the appropriate operating or implementing agency herein provided for;
- c. Refer, as the Commission may deem proper and for the same reasons stated in the preceding paragraph, to the appropriate law enforcement agency or prosecution office, the investigation or prosecution, as the case may be, or any of the cases adverted to in paragraph (a) hereof;
- d. Enlist the assistance of any branch, department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including government-owned and/or controlled corporations, in the anti-crime drive, which may include the use of its personnel, facilities and resources for a more resolute prevention, detection and investigation of crimes, and prosecution of criminal offenders;
- e. Monitor the progress of ongoing investigation and prosecution of cases taken cognizance of by the Commission;
- f. Prepare and implement a fast track anti-crime action agenda and adopt appropriate measures to ensure an effective and efficient anti-crime drive;
- g. Recommend appropriate anti-crime issuances and legislations to the President and Congress;
- h. Grant monetary rewards and incentives to informants who are willing to give vital information to build up the case for the prosecution of criminal offenders as provided under existing laws;
- i. Direct the Witness Protection, Security and Benefit Program Committee of the Department of Justice to evaluate and assess witnesses who may qualify under

the provisions of Republic Act No. 6981, otherwise known as the Witness Protection, Security and Benefit Act; and

- j. Perform such other functions as the President may assign.

**Sec. 4 Offenses Covered.** In the discharge of its functions, the Commission shall have the authority to take cognizance of the following crimes:

- a. Those committed by organized/syndicated crime groups, including but not limited to: gunrunning, illegal logging, robbery, kidnapping for ransom, white slave trade, illegal recruitment, carnapping, smuggling, piracy, drug-trafficking, falsification of land titles and other government forms, large scale swindling, film piracy, counterfeiting and bank frauds.

An organized/syndicated crime group means a group of two or more persons collaborating, confederating or mutually helping one another in the commission of any crime.

- b. Those which are considered as heinous crimes.

A heinous crime, for purposes of this Executive Order, is a grave felony as defined in the Revised Penal Code, or an offense punishable under special law, committed in a manner that is revolting or shocking to the common sensibilities of man, whether deliberately sought or not, such as those attended by cruelty, ignominy, treachery, and similar circumstances.

- c. Those committed by the members of the Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces of the Philippines.
- d. Such other offenses which the President may consider appropriate to place under its authority.

**Sec. 5 Implementing Agencies.** In the performance of its functions, the Commission may call upon any of the following implementing agencies:

- a. Philippine National Police (PNP);
- b. National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM);
- c. National Bureau of Investigation (NBI);
- d. National Prosecution Service (NPS);
- e. Bureau of Immigration (BI);
- f. Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR);
- g. Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau (EIIB);

- h. Bureau of Customs (BOC);
- i. Forest Management Bureau (FMB); and
- j. National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA);
- k. Such other agencies which the Commission may find necessary to implement its mandate.

The Commission shall identify the respective areas of responsibilities of the foregoing agencies.

**Sec. 6 Technical and Administrative Staff.** The Commission shall organize its Technical and Administrative Staff to be headed by an Executive Officer designated by the Chairman. The Technical Staff shall be composed of personnel also designated by the Chairman and those detailed to the Commission by the different agencies specified in Section 5 hereof.

**Sec. 7 Funding.** The Commission shall be provided with an initial allocation of twelve million (P12,000,000.00) to be drawn from the President's Contingent Fund. Appropriations for the succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget proposal's under the Office of the President.

**Sec. 8 Operating Guidelines.** The Commission shall adopt such operating guidelines as may be necessary to implement this Executive Order.

**Sec. 9 Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 7th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**  
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **PETER D. GARRUCHO, JR.**  
Acting Executive Secretary

**Executive Order  
No. 15  
September 1, 1992**

**SUBJECT : Creating a Philippine Council for Sustainable Development**

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Constitution mandates as a policy of the state, the protection and advancement of the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accordance with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

**WHEREAS**, a National Conservation Strategy, as spelled out in the Philippine Strategy for Sustainable Development (PSSD), which was adopted in 1989, takes a balanced and integrated approach to environment and development issues by incorporating sustainable development principles and concepts in the national priorities of government;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines already adhering to the principle of sustainable development actively participated in the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) Summit held in Rio de Janeiro, and committed to the principles set forth in the Rio Declaration, the Agenda 21, the Conventions on Climate Change and Biodiversity;

**WHEREAS**, the United Nation's in UNCED, has adopted a resolution for the creation of a Sustainable Development Commission that will evaluate and monitor the comppliance to the agreements and commitments made in Rio and in the course of its creation urged governments to also form similar bodies that will ensure that the activities at the national level are implemented and coordinated within global efforts;

**WHEREAS**, the agreements oblige the Philippines to translate the commitments to more concrete actions and ensure that all sectors of the society shall be involved in its operationalization;

**WHEREAS**, in order to achieve these ends, the creation of a national sustainable development council will provide the mechanism for attaining the principles of sustainable development and thus assure its integration in the Philippine national policies, plans, and programs that will involve all sectors of the society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Philippine Council for Sustainable Development with membership and functions as provided in the following sections:

## **Sec. 1 Creation and Composition of the Council.**

1) There is hereby created a Philippine Council on Sustainable Development to be headed by the Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) as Chairperson, and the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources as Vice-Chairperson.

2) The Council will have as members committed environmentalists from the following departments of a position of Bureau Director or higher, duly deputized to represent their respective Secretaries:

Department of Foreign Affairs  
Department of Science and Technology  
Department of Finance  
Department of Agriculture  
Department of Public Works and Highways  
Department of Education, Culture and Sports  
Department of Labor and Employment  
Department of Health  
Department of Trade and Industry  
Department of the Interior and Local Governments  
Department of Social Welfare and Development  
Department of Budget and Management  
Department of National Defense  
Office of Energy Affairs

3) As civil society counterpart, the non-government community shall also have seven (7) representatives in the Council. These representatives shall be selected by the non-government community considering commitment to environmental causes, gender balance, and sectoral representation through a process designed by them.

**Sec. 2 Powers and Functions of the Council.** The Council shall have the following powers and functions:

1) To review and ensure the implementation of the commitments the Philippines made in the light of the UNCED Conference;

2) To establish guidelines and mechanisms that will expand, concretize and operationalize the sustainable development principles as embodied in the Rio Declaration, the UNCED Agenda 21, the National Conservation Strategy, and the Philippine Agenda 21, and incorporate them in the preparation of the Medium Term Development Plan both

at the national and local levels with active participation from the non-government sector and people's organizations;

3) To provide directions in the form of policy reforms, programs and new legislations that respond to the continuing and emerging issues and charting future actions related to environment and development;

4) To act as the coordinating mechanism in cooperation with DFA-office of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development and actively solicit assistance and cooperation towards the realization of our commitments made at the UNCED;

5) To require any and all government agencies for assistance in the form of personnel, facilities, and other resources which is essential for the performance of the duties of the Council;

6) To create sub-committees that it may deem fit in the performance of its duties; and

7) To perform such other acts which are necessary to carry out its mandated functions and responsibilities.

**Sec. 3 The Secretariat.** The Council shall be assisted by a Secretariat which shall be based at the National Economic and Development Authority whose composition will be determined by the Director-General.

**Sec. 4 Transitory Provisions.** There shall immediately be convened an interim Technical Working Group of seven members composed of representatives from National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and three representatives from non-government sector, which shall work out the formulation of the operational guidelines for the Council. The working group shall be assisted by a composite secretariat from NEDA and DENR. These transitory groups shall cease its functions upon the Council's meeting and adoption of the operating guidelines within sixty (60) days upon signing of this Order.



**Sec. 5 Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 1st day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

**(SGD). FIDEL V. RAMOS**  
**President**

**By the President:**

**(SGD.) DIONISIO C. DE LA SERNA**  
**Senior Deputy Exec. Secretary**

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