

MALACAÑANG
MANILA
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 237

CREATING A NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND A NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR THE NINTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL FOLLOW-UP AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE (IFCC-IX) ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

WHEREAS, the Philippines is the 1995 Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York;

WHEREAS, as current Chairman of the Group of 77 and in conjunction with the Philippine national policy on sustainable development, the Philippines has accepted to host the Ninth Session of the Intergovernmental Follow-Up and Coordination Committee on Economic Cooperation Among Developing Countries, hereinafter referred to as the IFCC-IX-ECDC, on 9-12 February 1996 in Manila;

WHEREAS, the IFCC-IX-ECDC, as an integrative session between the economic (Group of 77) and the political (Non-Alignment Movement) grouping among developing countries, is acknowledged as an important event for the country, serving as a forum for promoting the country's national interests particularly in the area of the United Nations' operational activity of economic and technical cooperation among developing countries, otherwise known as the ECDC/TCDC Programme;

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

SECTION 1. Creation of the National Organizing Committee. There is hereby created a National Organizing Committee for the Ninth Session of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries, hereinafter referred to as the NOC, to prepare for and organize the IFCC-IX-ECDC.

a. **Composition.** The Chairman of the NOC shall be the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). The Vice-Chairman shall be the Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). The members of the NOC shall be the Cabinet Secretaries of the following Department/Agencies:

1. Department of Agriculture (DA)
2. Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)
3. Department of Energy (DOE)
4. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

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5. Department of Finance (DOF)
6. Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
7. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
8. Department of Tourism (DOT)
9. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
10. Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC)
11. Department of Health (DOH)
12. Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
13. Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
14. Office of the Press Secretary (OPS)

The NOC shall have the authority to select and invite other agencies, to include the private sector and non-governmental organizations in its membership, as the Committee may deem necessary and useful in the accomplishment of its objectives.

- b. **Functions.** The NOC shall undertake and oversee all necessary preparations to insure the successful hosting of the Ninth Session of the Intergovernmental Follow-Up and Coordination Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries (IFCC-IX-ECDC). Likewise, it shall perform all other functions as may be deemed necessary for the success of the IFCC-IX-ECDC.

SEC. 2. Creation of the National Secretariat. To provide staff support for the National Organizing Committee and the IFCC-IX-ECDC, an inter-agency National Secretariat is hereby created to be based at the Department of Foreign Affairs, Office of United Nations and Other International Organizations (UNIO). The National Secretariat shall be headed by the UNIO Assistant Secretary.

Member agencies of the National Organizing Committee shall detail personnel to the National Secretariat. The Chairman is hereby authorized to contract, on a short-term project basis, additional personnel for the National Secretariat or call on other agencies for the detail of personnel, as may be deemed necessary to ensure complete, efficient, and effective staff support for the IFCC-IX-ECDC.

All detailed personnel shall be entitled to remuneration in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

SEC. 3. Funding. The funding requirements for the IFCC-IX-ECDC, at such amounts as may be deemed necessary and to be determined by the

National Organizing Committee, shall be drawn from the International Commitments Fund portion of the FY 1996 Budget.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 8th day of January in ¹¹² the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six.



By the President:



RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary