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CREATING AN INTER AGENCY COMMITTEE TO ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL ALCOGAS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, it is becoming increasingly obvious that the economy will not afford relying much longer on petroleum as the primary source of motive fuel because of exorbitant costs and supply uncertainties;

WHEREAS, motive fuel must continue to be supplied in order to ensure the lifeblood of the entire Philippine economic system and to enable agricultural products to reach their markets, thereby maintaining rural employment levels and the continuous flow of purchasing power to the rural areas;

WHEREAS, it is desirable to accelerate to shift in energy utilization from depletable fuels to regenerative forms, such as alcohol from large professionally-managed energy farms;

WHEREAS, the technical feasibility of alcohol use as a motor fuel has been amply demonstrated in extensive experiments conducted over the last few years;

WHEREAS, alcohol usage has been severely disadvantaged by a high revenue tax on alcohol which has aggravated its price relationship with other traditional fuels like gasoline;

WHEREAS, alcohol production and use is a complex agro-industrial operation whose initial planning and implementation must necessarily span in different disciplines and cut across the responsibility spheres of different ministries and government agencies;

WHEREAS, there is a growing consensus that government cannot and must not lose time in giving impetus to an immediate and concerted implementation of this program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby create an Inter-Agency Committee for accelerating the implementation of a National Alcohol Program composed of the following members:

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| Ministry of Energy | Chairman |
| Philippine Sugar Commissioner | Co-Chairman |
| Minister of Finance | Vice-Chairman |
| Minister of Agriculture | Member |
| Minister of Natural Resources | Member |
| Minister of Industry | Member |
| Minister of Land Reform | Member |

The objective of the Inter-Agency Committee is to produce and recommend a comprehensive National Alcolgas Program that would be ready for immediate implementation upon approval by the President.