

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 797, September 05, 1975]

AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE INTEGRATED REORGANIZATION PLAN, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, it is necessary that certain changes be made in the provisions of Parts VI and VII of the Integrated Reorganization Plan relative to the National Economic and Development Authority and the Regional Development Council;

WHEREAS, considering that the National Economic and Development Authority is of equal level as other departments of the government, the head thereof should be designated a department secretary;

WHEREAS, with respect to the Regional Development Council, there is a need to enhance the effectiveness thereof as, the focal point for the coordination of regional planning and development; and

WHEREAS, to attain this, it is necessary: (1) to reconstitute the membership of the council by allowing a broadening of its composition whenever needed, and (2) to strengthen the capacity of the chairman of the council for regional leadership by making him an appointee of the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution do hereby order and decree as follows:

SECTION 1. Paragraph 8, Article III, Chapter I, Part VI of the Integrated Reorganization Plan as adopted under Presidential Decree No. 1 and as amended by Presidential Decree Nos. 372 and 622, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"8. There shall be a Director-General with Cabinet rank who shall concurrently be the Secretary of Economic Planning, and such number of Deputy Directors-General as the President may determine, with the rank of Undersecretary, who shall serve as the executive and assistant executive officers of the NEDA, respectively. The Director-General shall hold office at the pleasure of the President, while the Deputy Directors-General shall be career officials.

The Secretary of Economic Planning shall preside over meetings of the NEDA Board in the absence or inability of the Chairman to preside over the same.

Whenever the Director-General is unable to perform his duties owing to illness, absence or other cause, or in case of vacancy in the office, the Deputy Director-General designated by the President shall temporarily perform the functions of said office."

SEC. 2. Paragraph 3, Article II, Chapter I of Part VII is amended to read as follows:

"3. The regional development council shall be composed of the governors of the provinces and mayors of chartered cities comprising the region; the regional directors, of the Bureau of Agricultural Extension and Bureau of Plant Industry of the Department of Agriculture; the regional director