

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6613, October 23, 1972 ]**

**AN ACT DECLARING A POLICY OF THE STATE TO ADOPT MODERN SCIENTIFIC METHODS TO MODERATE TYPHOONS AND PREVENT DESTRUCTION BY FLOODS RAINS AND DROUGHTS, CREATING A COUNCIL ON TYPHOON MODERATION AND FLOOD CONTROL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to adopt a typhoon moderation and flood control research and development program for moderating typhoons by reducing their intensity and minimizing the destructive effects of floods, rains and droughts through scientific means, for the purpose of preventing widespread devastation to property and protecting the People and security of the nation.

SEC. 2. In order to carry out the foregoing policy, the government shall:

- a. Undertake research on the structure, development and motion of typhoons;
- b. Improve means of predicting typhoons and consequential floods;
- c. Gather and organize climatological and hydrological data for flood prevention and control and for agro-industrial development;
- d. Utilize scientific measures to minimize the intensity of typhoons and destruction by floods, rains and droughts: and
- e. Study the environmental impact of such measures and adopt necessary precautions to prevent loss or destruction,

SEC. 3. To implement the provisions of this Act, there is hereby created a Council on Typhoon Moderation and Flood Control Research and Development under the Office of the President, hereinafter referred to as the "Council". The Council shall be composed of the Executive Secretary as Chairman *ex-officio*, the Secretary of National Defense as Vice-Chairman *ex-officio*, the Chairman of the National Science Development Board, the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, and the Director of the Weather Bureau, as members *ex-officio*.

The Council shall develop and formulate a typhoon moderation and flood control research and development program within one year after the approval of this Act and shall monitor its implementation. It shall coordinate planning and programming of all government activities and resources in relation thereto. It shall advise the President on measures to prevent or mitigate damage arising from typhoons, floods, rains and droughts. It shall represent the government on all matters pertinent to the research and development provided for in this Act in national, regional and