

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 79, July 28, 1999]

**RECOGNIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTER-AGENCY
ANTI-GRAFT COORDINATING COUNCIL AND DIRECTING
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO EXTEND SUPPORT AND
ASSISTANCE TO IT**

WHEREAS, this administration is committed to fight graft and corruption in all fronts of government;

WHEREAS, the existence and prevalence of venalities in government have impinged on its efficient, economical, and effective operations;

WHEREAS, the current outstanding performance of the Philippine economy can be further enhanced if all resources of Government are managed, expended, and utilized in accordance with laws and regulations, and safeguarded against loss or wastage through illegal or improper disposition;

WHEREAS, in the fight against graft and corruption in government, the Commission on Audit (COA), Civil Service Commission (CSC), Office of the Ombudsman (OMB), Department of Justice (DOJ), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), and Presidential Commission Against Graft and Corruption (PCAGC) have taken the initiative to bind themselves to set up the Inter-Agency Anti-Graft Coordinating Council and to formulate and develop concerted techniques and strategies in the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of graft cases;

WHEREAS, to be more effective in the fight against graft and corruption, there is a need to mobilize the entire government bureaucracy to support, enhance and strengthen the operations and programs of the Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby recognize the establishment of the INTER-AGENCY ANTI-GRAFT COORDINATING COUNCIL that is sworn to fight graft and corruption in government, and to ensure its success and effectiveness, I urge all government agencies to extend full support and assistance to the Council, and its member agencies, particularly in the implementation of their programs and projects as well as in the prevention, detection, investigation, and prosecution of graft cases, with the end in view of promoting a more efficient, economical, and effective government.

For this purpose, the amount of FIVE MILLION (P5,000,000.00) PESOS, to be taken from the Social Fund of the Office of the President, shall be made available to the Inter-Agency Anti-Graft Coordinating Council upon submission of its special budget. For the succeeding years, each agency shall include in its budget a certain amount in support of the Council's activities.

This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.