[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 76, July 20, 1999]

CREATING THE NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE 1999 INFORMAL SUMMIT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES (ASEAN) AND ITS RELATED MEETINGS, PRESCRIBING ITS AUTHORITY AND FUNCTIONS

WHEREAS, the Philippines has committed to promote peace and prosperity in Southeast Asia by maintaining and strengthening its relations with the member-countries of ASEAN;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has made ASEAN the cornerstone of its foreign policy;

WHEREAS, the Philippines will host, in 1999, the Third ASEAN Informal Summit and its related meetings;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute a national committee to organize and supervise all activities related to the hosting of the said meetings;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order that:

SECTION 1. <u>Organization</u> – A National Organizing Committee (ASEAN-NOC) is hereby constituted to organize the hosting of the Third ASEAN Informal Summit.

SECTION 2. <u>Composition</u> – The NOC shall be composed of the designated representatives of the following:

Secretary of Foreign Affairs	– Chairman
Executive Secretary	– Co-Chairman
Secretary of Trade and Industry	– Member
Secretary of Finance	– Member
Secretary of National Defense	– Member
Secretary of Interior and Local Government	– Member
Secretary of Transportation and Communication	– Member
Secretary of Tourism	– Member
Secretary of Public Works and Highways	– Member
Secretary of Budget and Management	– Member
Press Secretary	– Member
Chief of Presidential Protocol	– Member