

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 8, August 19, 1998]

CONSTITUTING A PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THE LA NIÑA PHENOMENON

WHEREAS, there is a high probability that a La Niña phenomenon or “cold front” will occur in the Philippines, which will bring prolonged and excessive rainfall in the country and inundate our major river basins and lowland plains;

WHEREAS, the La Niña phenomenon is expected to cause damage to infrastructure and agricultural crops, particularly rice and corn, and affect the availability and distribution of food supply in the country;

WHEREAS, a coordinated effort must be undertaken to prepare for the La Niña to minimize its adverse effect on our people;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute a Task Force to enhance inter-agency coordination in the formulation and implementation of measures to mitigate the effects of the La Niña, particularly in agriculture;

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

Section 1. Constitution of a Presidential Task Force to Mitigate the Effects of the La Niña Phenomenon. There is hereby constituted a Presidential Task Force to Mitigate the Effects of the La Niña Phenomenon (hereinafter referred to as the “Task Force”). The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

Secretary, Department of Agriculture	Chairman
Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Co-Chairman
Secretary, Department of National Defense and Chairman, National Disaster Coordinating Council	Vice-Chairman
Secretary, Department of Science and Technology	Member
Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development	Member
Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways	Member
Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry	Member