

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 344, June 20, 1997 ]**

**CREATING THE NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE  
WORLD FORUM TO COMBAT INTERNATIONAL DRUG  
TRAFFICKING, MONEY LAUNDERING, TERRORISM AND  
ORGANIZED CRIME**

**WHEREAS**, a Resolution was adopted at the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum on 10 January 1997 in Vancouver, Canada encouraging heads of state and government to convene a World Forum to combat international drug trafficking, money laundering, terrorism and organized crime;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines, heeding the call for a concerted global effort to combat these worldwide menaces, recently offered to host the World Forum in Manila;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate passed Resolution No. 795 expressing support for the Philippines' offer to host the Forum;

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

**NOW THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**SECTION 1. National Organizing Committee.** There is hereby constituted a National Organizing Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "NOC" to be composed of the following:

Secretary of the Interior and Local Government	– Chairperson
Secretary of Justice	– Co-Chairperson
Secretary of Foreign Affairs	– Vice-Chairperson
Secretary of Budget and Management	– Member
Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports	– Member
Secretary of Finance	– Member
Secretary of Health	– Member
Secretary of National Defense	– Member
Secretary of Tourism	– Member
Secretary of Transportation and Communication	– Member
Press Secretary	– Member