

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 332, November  
07, 1997 ]**

**DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND  
INSTRUMENTALITIES INCLUDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS  
TO UNDERTAKE ELECTRONIC INTERCONNECTION THROUGH THE  
INTERNET TO BE KNOWN AS THE RPWEB**

**WHEREAS**, the objective of the National Information and Technology Plan (NITP 2000) is to disseminate Information Technology in our society, giving priority to connecting the Philippines to the Global Information Infrastructure (GII), pursuant to our strategic vision of "Philippines 2000" and "pole vaulting" into the 21st century;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to immediately set in place a viable and cost effective communication and information exchange system for greater speed and efficiency in intergovernmental communications and transactions, at the same time ensuring wider and faster access to government information and services among government agencies and the public;

**WHEREAS**, the National Information Technology Council (NITC) has recommended the adoption of the RPWEB while the House of Representatives has passed House Resolution No. 890 seeking the interconnection of all government agencies and instrumentalities, including government owned and controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and public schools through the Internet by connecting with any of the Internet Service Providers (ISPs) throughout the country;

**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:

**SECTION 1. *Interconnection in the Government.*** – All government departments, agencies, bureaus and instrumentalities and as practicable down to the division level, including field offices, government-owned and controlled corporations, state universities and colleges, public schools and local government units shall interconnect using the Internet, through any ISP. This virtual interconnection shall be known as the RPWEB which shall be the precursor to the Philippine Information Infrastructure (PII).

This Order shall be implemented in the following phases:

PHASE 1:	All Cabinet Members down to the Assistant Secretary levels, including all regional field offices and other offices outside of main office	First year 1997
SUCCEEDING PHASES:	Bureau Chief down to the Division level	Second year 1998 onwards