

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 289, September 03, 1996]

CONSTITUTING A SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TASK GROUP TO UNDERTAKE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING FOR THE SPECIAL ZONE OF PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Final Agreement between the Government and the Moro National Liberation Front signed on 2 September 1996 signals a new era of peace and development in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, the Final Agreement provides for the establishment of a Special Zone of Peace and Development in Southern Philippines (ZOPAD);

WHEREAS, the proposed ZOPAD will entail the provision of focused development assistance, especially in the depressed areas of concerned provinces and cities; and

WHEREAS, there is need for a inter-agency efforts to undertake economic and social development planning in support of the ZOPAD.

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

SECTION 1. CONSTITUTION OF THE SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TASK GROUP. There is hereby constituted a Special Development Planning Task Group to undertake planning activities for the developmental requirements of the ZOPAD.

SEC. 2. COMPOSITION. The Special Development Planning Task Group shall be chaired by a representative/officer from the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) to be designated by the Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority, with representatives/personnel from the following agencies to be designated by their respective Secretaries:

- a. Department of Agriculture (DA);
- b. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR);
- c. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);
- d. Department of Budget and Management (DBM);
- e. Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC);
- f. Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH); and
- g. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)

SEC. 3. FUNCTIONS. The Special Development Planning Task Group shall have the following functions:

- a. Initiate the formulation of an integrated development