

[ **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 197, June 13, 1995** ]

**AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 136, "AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7, "CREATING THE PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR ASEAN COOPERATION," (AS AMENDED)**

**WHEREAS**, Administrative Order No. 136 dated 12 July 1994 expanded the Philippine Council on ASEAN Cooperation (PCAC) to cover APEC and EAEC concerns, renaming it to be the Philippine Council for ASEAN and APEC Cooperation (PCAAC);

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Council for ASEAN and APEC Cooperation (PCAAC) is the inter-agency coordinating body for the formulation and implementation of policies towards the ASEAN and APEC;

**WHEREAS**, issues related to the environment and sustainable development have increasingly become vital global concerns, especially in both the ASEAN and the APEC, prompting the declaration of the period January 1, 1995 to December 31, 2005 as Philippine Environment Decade in Proclamation No. 522 dated 9 January 1995;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to enhance the nation's regional strategic position on matters pertaining to the environment and sustainable development in a high-level forum for strategic policy-thinking;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution, do hereby order the inclusion of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in the Cabinet-Level PCAAC.

This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila, this 13th day of June, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-five.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**  
President of the Philippines

By the President:  
(Sgd.) **RUBEN D. TORRES**  
Executive Secretary



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