

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 151, September 26, 1994]

CREATING AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO FOCUS AND INTEGRATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, research and development is a critical ingredient for competitiveness, growth and development;

WHEREAS, there exist numerous and diverse research and development activities being undertaken by government instrumentalities, especially by the various state colleges and universities nationwide;

WHEREAS, there is a need to integrate the various research and development to ensure complementation of activities, effect cost savings and achieve higher impact on targeted beneficiaries; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to refocus the current thrusts on research and development towards achieving competitiveness, especially in agriculture.

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. Creation of an Ad hoc Committee to Focus and Integrate Research and Development. There is hereby created an Ad hoc Committee to focus and integrate research and development activities of the government, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee", which is mandated to rationalize and integrate the government's research and development efforts, especially in the agricultural sector.

SEC. 2. Composition. The Committee shall be chaired by the Department of Agriculture and Vice-Chaired by the Department of Science and Technology. The Committee shall have the following as members:

- a) Department of Trade and Industry;
- b) Department of Budget and Management;
- c) Commission on Higher Education; and
- d) Two (2) private sector representatives to be appointed by the President, upon recommendation of the Committee.

The Committee may call upon any government agency and government owned and controlled corporation to assist in the performance of the Committee's mandate and functions.

SEC. 3. Functions. The Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) Prepare an inventory of existing research and development