

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 98, November 28, 1993 ]**

**ESTABLISHING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE AGAINST  
PASSPORT IRREGULARITIES**

**WHEREAS**, there is an increasing number of passport irregularities and fraud cases through the methodical manipulation and circumvention of the Philippine passporting system;

**WHEREAS**, the attention of the Government has been called to the alleged sale of Philippine passports in Hong Kong and China for monetary considerations to facilitate the illegal entry of aliens into the country;

**WHEREAS**, a significant number of Filipinos overseas who are holders of fraudulent Philippine passports become victims to abuse and maltreatment;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need for a coordinated and integrated government effort to combat the alarming increase in the cases of passport irregularities and fraud;

**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. Inter-Agency Committee Against Passport Irregularities.** An Inter-Agency Committee (hereinafter referred to as "Committee") Against Passport Irregularities is hereby established, to be composed of the following:

- a. Department of Foreign Affairs – Chairman
- b. Department of Justice – Vice-Chairman
- c. Department of Interior and Local Government – Member
- d. Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas – Member
- e. Bureau of Immigration – Member
- f. National Bureau of Investigation – Member
- g. Philippine National Police – Member
- h. Philippine Overseas and Employment Agency – Member
- i. National Statistics Office – Member

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Committee may designate their alternates who shall be senior officials of their respective Departments or agencies, not lower than Director level, to attend Committee meetings.