

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 14, October 09, 1992]

PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION IN EACH OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE COUNTRY A TASK FORCE TO PROMOTE THE PROMPT AND SPEEDY PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL CASES TO BE KNOWN AS "TASK FORCE KATARUNGAN"

WHEREAS, it has become imperative that the government demonstrate its ability to administer criminal justice and enforce the rule of law;

WHEREAS, it is necessary pending the passage of appropriate legislative and other measures, that the government establish a strong presence in each of the regions through a mechanism that promote the speedy and prompt prosecution of criminal cases;

WHEREAS, the creation of this ad-hoc body can complement the Presidential Anti-Crime Commission;

WHEREAS, under the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has continuing authority to re-organize the Office of the President.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created in each of the administrative regions of the country, a task force to be known as "Task Force Katarungan" (TAFKA) which shall have the primary duty of monitoring the prosecution of criminal cases that it identifies as having gained significance by reason of strong public sentiments, and to coordinate all government efforts in their prosecution before the courts.

SECTION 2. The TAFKA in every region shall be composed of the following:

- a. Department of Justice (DOJ), through its Regional State Prosecutors;
- b. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);
- c. The Philippine National Police (PNP), through the Regional Commander;
- d. The Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau (EIIB);
- e. Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR);
- f. Bureau of Customs (BOC);
- g. National Bureau of Investigation (NBI);
- h. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- i. Narcotics Command (NARCOM);
- j. Criminal Investigation Service Command (CISC);