

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 220, May 08, 1991]

CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the Filipino people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, there is mounting scientific evidence of an impending global warning, a phenomenon caused by the accumulation of heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere with consequences which are far-reaching in scope and irreversible in nature;

WHEREAS, the World Meteorological Organization at its Tenth Congress in 1987 recommended that an inter-governmental mechanism be established, jointly with the United Nations Environmental Programme, to study all issues related to climate change;

WHEREAS, the United Nations has resolved that identification and possible strengthening of existing conventions and protocols with a bearing on climate change should be instituted;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is located in an area where extreme climate changes likely to occur due to global warning will adversely affect its coastal areas and critical land ecosystems;

WHEREAS, the Science and Technology Coordinating Council, the highest science and technology governing body of the country, identified the need for us to join hands with the international community to correct the growing trend towards global warning and to prepare our defenses against its adverse effects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created an Inter-Agency Committee on Climate Change, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, to be chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and co-chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology with a senior representative each from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Environmental Management Bureau, National Mapping Resource and Information Agency, and the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration as members.

SEC. 2. The Departments of Agriculture, Trade and Industry, Education, Culture and Sports, Public Works and Highways, Transportation and Communications, and Interior and Local Government, the National Economic and Development Authority and the concerned Non-government Organizations shall provide such technical