

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 160, March 30, 1990 ]**

**PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS IN THE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION PENDING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT FOR THE CORDILLERA AUTONOMOUS REGION**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 220, Series of 1987, created a Cordillera Administrative Region consisting of the Provinces of Abra, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga-Apayao and Mt. Province and the chartered City of Baguio;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 220, Series of 1987, the Cordillera Executive Board and the Cordillera Regional Assembly were likewise established for the Cordillera Administrative Region which, together with the aforesaid bodies, shall "exist until such time as the autonomous regional government shall have been established and organized under an organic act passed by Congress in accordance with Section 18, Article X of the Constitution" (Section 17);

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 36, Series of 1987, authorized the various departments and other agencies of the National Government to maintain regional offices in the Cordillera Administrative Region;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Elections, in its Resolution No. 2259 declared that the Organic Act for the Cordillera Autonomous Region has been approved and/or ratified in the sole Province of Ifugao in a plebiscite held on January 30, 1990 in the provinces and the city comprising the Cordillera Administrative Region;

WHEREAS, Article XXI, Section 3 of Republic Act. No. 6766 provides that:

"The Cordillera Executive Board, the Cordillera Regional Assembly, as well as all offices and agencies created under Executive Order No. 220 shall cease to exist immediately upon the ratification of this Organic Act.

All funds, properties and assets of the Cordillera Executive Board and the Cordillera Regional Assembly shall automatically be transferred to the Cordillera Autonomous Government".

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6861, dated March 8, 1990, postponed the holding of the first regular elections for Governor, Deputy Governor and Members of the Regional Assembly of the Autonomous Region of the Cordillera to the first Monday of March 1991;

WHEREAS, while the Cordillera Executive Board, the Cordillera Regional Assembly as well as all offices and agencies created under Executive Order No. 220, S. of 1987, are deemed abolished immediately upon the ratification of the Organic Act, the