

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 71, April 25, 1988 ]**

**CREATING A JOINT LEGISLATIVE-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON  
DECENTRALIZATION AND LOCAL AUTONOMY AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, decentralization and local autonomy are fundamental mandates embodied in the 1987 Constitution;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to conduct an inter-sectoral study of existing Philippine laws and issuances that diminish or negate decentralization and local autonomy of local government units;

WHEREAS, there is also the need to create a body to undertake the said inter-sectoral study;

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 a joint Legislative-Executive body to be known as the Decentralization and Local Autonomy Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, to be composed of the following:

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| 1) Secretary of Local Government  | - Chairman |
| 2) Chairmen of the Local Government Committees of both Houses of the Congress | - Members  |
| 3) Minority representative of the House of Representatives                    | - Member   |
| 4) Secretary of Finance   | - Member   |
| 5) Secretary of Budget and Management   | - Member   |
| 6) President of the Leagues of Provinces, Cities and Municipalities           | - Member   |
| 7) Secretary of Socio-Economic Planning                                       | - Member   |
| 8) The Chairman of the Technical Review Committee as hereinafter provided     | - Member   |

The Secretariat of the Committee shall be provided for by the Department of Local Government.

SECTION 2. The Committee shall have the following functions:

- Review the operational definition of local autonomy in the context of intergovernmental relations;
- Evolve a decentralization scheme with the aim in view of strengthening regional and local government administration for national development;
- Improve the anticipatory and responsive policy formulating