

[**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 25, May 15, 1987**]

CREATING A PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, to set the moral tone in promoting honesty, integrity and accountability in public service, the Executive Branch of the Government must lead in the pursuit of the common commitment against graft and corruption by declaring a national policy thereon, and creating a committee tasked with the implementation of such policy;

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 6 of the 1987 Constitution provides, that: "The incumbent President shall continue to exercise legislative powers until the first Congress is convened";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. - The Department Secretary shall be directly responsible to the President in eradicating graft and corruption in his Department and the offices, agencies, government-owned or controlled corporations attached to or under his Department. The Department Secretary shall likewise be responsible to the President for the implementation of policies and programs to minimize or prevent graft and corruption and to promote the ethical standards of public service.

SECTION 2. Creation of a Presidential Committee on Public Ethics and Accountability. - In the implementation of the aforesaid policy, there is hereby created a Presidential Committee on Public Ethics and Accountability, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, to be composed of the following:

Cabinet Secretary Jose P. De Jesus	- Chairman
Secretary Sedfrey Ordoñez Department of Agriculture	- Member
Secretary Carlos A. Dominguez Department of Agriculture	- Member
Secretary Vicente Jayme Department of Public Works and Highways	- Member
Secretary Alfredo R.A. Bengzon Department of Health	- Member
Secretary Fulgencio S. Factoran, Jr. Department of Energy, Environment and Natural Resources	- Member