

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 157, June 05, 1951 ]**

**CREATING THE PHILIPPINE COMMITTEE ON ECAFE MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE), as conceived by the United Nations General Assembly and created on March 28, 1947, by virtue of a resolution passed by the Economic and Social Council, is charged with the accomplishment of the following objectives:

- (1) To initiate and participate in measures for facilitating concerted action for the economic reconstruction of Asia and; the Far East, for raising the level of economic activity in said region and for maintaining and strengthening the economic relations of these areas both among themselves and with countries of the world;
- (2) To make or sponsor such investigations and studies of economic and technological problems and development within the countries of Asia and the Far East as the Commission deems appropriate;
- (3) To undertake or sponsor the collection, evaluation and dissemination of such economic, technological and statistical information as the Commission deems appropriate; and
- (4) To recommend and follow up the implementations of the resolutions of the Commission by the individual member-countries, with a view to achieving the above objectives.

WHEREAS, the Philippines is one of the active members of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE), which is one of the regional economic commissions, established by the United Nations;

WHEREAS, the ECAFE Secretariat has recommended as necessary and expedient the creation of a national ECAFE Committee in each of the member-governments, to act as liaison agency for securing quick exchange of information between the ECAFE Secretariat and the Philippine Government and between the various governments in the ECAFE region and to work for the implementation of resolutions or studies approved or undertaken by the Commission and the ECAFE Secretariat, respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create the Philippine Committee on ECAFE matters, which shall act in accordance with paragraph 3 hereof; make or sponsor studies and submit measures for facilitating concerted action for the economic reconstruction of the country, for raising the level of economic activity in the country and for maintaining and strengthening the economic relations between the Philippines and the other countries under the ECAFE region; undertake or sponsor the collection, evaluation and dissemination of economic, technological and