

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 189, September 17, 2015 ]**

**CREATING THE NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation building;

WHEREAS, in order to ensure information security and promote a culture of responsibility and discipline in handling classified and sensitive electronic information in the bureaucracy, there is a need to review and update Memorandum Circulars 78 (s. 1964) and 196 (s. 1968) pertaining to the security of classified matters in government offices, in order to account for current developments in information and communications technology;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 10173 , otherwise known as the "Data Privacy Act of 2012," recognizes the vital role of information and communications technology in nation-building and its inherent obligation to ensure that personal data information and communications systems in the government and in the private sector are secured and protected;

WHEREAS, the "Data Privacy Act of 2012" mandates that all sensitive personal information maintained by the government, its agencies, and instrumentalities shall be secured, as far as practicable, with the use of the most appropriate standard recognized by the information and communications technology industry;

WHEREAS, among the powers granted to the Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC) under RA No. 10175 , otherwise known as the "Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012," is the formulation and enforcement of the national cybersecurity plan and the creation of a national computer emergency response team;

WHEREAS, there is an increasing number of cyber threats against government and commercial information systems which places these institutions at great risk;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to assess national vulnerabilities of government and commercial information systems to cyber threats that compromise critical infrastructure and strengthen the nation's cybersecurity capability by putting in place measures to eliminate or reduce such vulnerabilities;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to create a body which will coordinate government agencies and other relevant sectors in the preparation of appropriate and effective measures to strengthen their cybersecurity capabilities against existing and future cyber threats; and

WHEREAS, under Executive (EO) No. 292 , otherwise known as the "Revised Administrative Code of the Philippines," the President has the continuing authority to

reorganize the Office of the President.

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

SECTION 1. Cybersecurity Inter-Agency Committee. There is hereby created a Cybersecurity Inter-Agency Committee, hereinafter referred to as "Committee," under the Office of the President, to be chaired by the Executive Secretary, co-chaired by the Director General of the National Security Council (NSC) and the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), and shall further be composed of the following officials:

Members:

- Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE);
- Secretary of the Department of Finance (DOF);
- Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA);
- Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- Secretary of the Department of Justice (DOJ);
- Secretary of the Department of National Defense (DND);
- Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC);
- Secretary of the Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office (PCDSPO);
- Secretary of the Presidential Communications Operation Office (PCOO);
- Commissioner of the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC);
- Chairman of the National Privacy Commission (NPC); and
- Executive Director of the Anti-Terrorism Council – Program Management Center (ATC-PMC).

The Committee may invite concerned public and private agencies or entities to participate, complement, and assist in the performance of its functions.