

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 231, April 17, 2000]

**ESTABLISHING THE COORDINATIVE MECHANISM FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY THROUGH
AGRI-FOREST PRODUCTIVITY IN CARAGA**

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Council - Caraga Region has formulated its programs called the Economic Recovery through Agri-Forest Productivity in Caraga which aims to respond to the thrust of the administration for food security and poverty alleviation;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a coordinative and integrative mechanism to focus on the development activities and projects under this program;

WHEREAS, Sec. 14, Article X of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that: "The President shall provide for regional development councils or other similar bodies composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments and other government offices, and representatives from non-government organization within the region for purposes of administrative decentralization to strengthen the autonomy of units herein and to accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the units of the region";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Establishment of the Caraga Development Board. There is hereby established the Caraga Development Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall serve as the special body under the Caraga Regional Development Council to coordinate and promote the programs and projects for regional development in Caraga.

SECTION 2. Composition of the Board. The Caraga Development Board shall be composed of the following: (a) RDC Chairperson; (b) RDC Co-Chairperson; (c) RDC Vice-Chairperson; (d) the four Chairpersons of the RDC Sectoral Committees ; (e) Governors of the provinces of Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur Surigao del Sur and the Mayors of the cities of Butuan and Surigao (f) Regional Director of DA; (g) Regional Director of DENR; and (h) six additional members from the private sector to be selected under the supervision of the RDC Secretariat.

SECTION 3. Powers and Functions of Board. The Board shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- a) Provide the general directions in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Project;