

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 270, July 20, 2000 ]**

**EXTENDING UP TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "WINDING UP" OF OPERATIONS OF THE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION (CAR-PROPER) AS PROVIDED UNDER THE AGENCY'S SPECIAL PROVISIONS IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 220, series of 1987, created the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) to administer the affairs of government in the region, accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the units thereof and prepare the establishment of the autonomous region in the Cordillera;

**WHEREAS**, the Special Provisions in the GAA for CAR for FY 2000 mandates that the amounts appropriated for CAR shall be used to wind up the activities of the Cordillera Administrative Region, including the separation and retirement benefits of all affected officials and employees; Provided, that any deficiency in the amount for payment of terminal leave and retirement gratuity benefits shall be taken from the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 6656 recognizes the need to protect the security of tenure of civil service officers and employees in the reorganization process without sacrificing the promotion of morale, efficiency, integrity, responsiveness, progressiveness, and courtesy in the civil service, pursuant to Article IX, B, Section 3 of the Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the winding up of CAR and the final disposition of its personnel assets and liabilities require inter-agency coordination for its smooth and orderly implementation;

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

**SECTION 1. Creation of Special Task Force.** A Special Task Force is hereby created to be chaired by the Executive Secretary, with the Secretary of Budget and Management, the Chairman of the Cordillera Regional Assembly and the Executive Director of the Cordillera Executive Board as members, that shall provide policy guidelines for, and oversee, the final disposition of personnel, functions, assets and liabilities of the CAR.

**SEC. 2. Transfer or Re-employment of CAR Personnel.** CAR personnel shall be given priority in hiring for existing vacant positions in other government agencies, subject to compliance with established qualification standards set by the receiving agencies. The transfer to or re-employment of CAR personnel with other agencies shall be exempt from the prohibition on new hiring under Administrative Order No. 100 dated December 1, 1999.