

[**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 261, July 05, 2000**]

CONSTITUTING THE MINDANAO COORDINATING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Mindanao has been the subject of development efforts which have so far been unsuccessful;

WHEREAS, there has been uneven development in Mindanao, especially in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;

WHEREAS, this part of Mindanao has been the object of armed conflicts;

WHEREAS, there is a need to rehabilitate and reconstruct the areas affected by the conflicts in Mindanao to normalize the situation and restore economic activities in the area;

WHEREAS, the normalization of the situation in Mindanao will make the area more conducive to business activities and attract more people and investments in the area towards the development of Mindanao;

WHEREAS, there is a need to synchronize, integrate, and accelerate the efforts of the various sectors, including the existing bodies and agencies created to promote the development of Mindanao, to ensure the efficient utilization of resources and effectiveness of plans, programs and projects;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a high-level body that would coordinate and orchestrate all rehabilitation and development efforts in Mindanao;

WHEREAS, Mindanao is a priority area of the Estrada Administration and the President has been taking a direct hand in the development of the area;

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

Section 1. Constitution of the Mindanao Coordinating Council. There is hereby constituted a Mindanao Coordinating Council (MCC) which shall act as the overall coordinating body to ensure the integration, synchronization and accelerated implementation of plans, programs and projects to rehabilitate Mindanao, specifically in the areas affected by the conflict. The MCC shall be composed of the following:

Chairman President

Vice-Chair Executive Secretary

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| Co Vice-Chair Members | Private Sector Representative from Mindanao |
| | Secretary of Budget And Management |
| | Secretary of Public Works And Highways |
| | Secretary of Finance |
| | Secretary of Trade and Industry |
| | Secretary of Agriculture |
| | Secretary of Energy |
| | Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports |
| | Secretary of Health |
| | Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority |
| | Chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council |
| Representative from the Regional Development Councils in Mindanao | |
| Five (5) Private Sector Representatives | |

An advisory Board, whose Chairman Emeritus is from the private sector, and whose members shall be appointed by the President, shall also be created.

The private sector co-vice chair and members of the MCC, who shall come from the business and religious sectors and civil society/non-government organizations, shall also be appointed by the President. Of the five (5) private sector members, four (4) shall come from Mindanao.

The MCC may invite representatives from the legislative branch and may call on concerned heads of government agencies and instrumentalities to participate in the Council's activities as needed.

Section 2. Functions. The Mindanao Coordinating Council shall have the following functions:

- a. Coordinate, prioritize and synchronize all plans, programs and projects of all government agencies and instrumentalities involved in the rehabilitation of Mindanao, specifically in the areas affected by the conflict;
- b. Facilitate and orchestrate the accelerated implementation of plans, programs and projects, including those sourced from Official Development Assistance Programs, for the rehabilitation of Mindanao;