

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 86, March 13, 1999]

PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY COUNCIL, COUNCILS ON FOOD SECURITY FOR THE PROVINCES, INDEPENDENT COMPONENT CITIES (ICCs) AND HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES (HUCs), NATIONAL SECRETARIAT ON FOOD SECURITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 9 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all;

WHEREAS, Section II of Republic Act No. 8435, otherwise known as the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997, declares that the State shall enable those who belong to the agriculture and fisheries sectors to participate and share in the fruits of development and growth, and that the State shall ensure the availability, adequacy, accessibility and affordability of food supplies to all at all times

WHEREAS, by virtue of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the local government units (LGUs) agree to perform their roles and responsibilities, in coordination with all National Government Agencies (NGAs) concerned and the private sector, as the principal stewards of the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Programs within their respective jurisdiction in achieving the national targets necessary to attain food security for the country, especially for the poor;

WHEREAS, in the pursuit of the mandates provided by the Constitution and existing laws, the national and local governments have committed to ensure the attainment of sustainable food security and the alleviation of poverty and the shaping of a safe, healthy and environmentally sound society;

WHEREAS, a Food Security Covenant '99 has been adopted unanimously by the participants to the Governors' Workshop on Food Security held from January 10-12, 1999 recommending to the President the creation of a government body that will address self-sufficiency in food production, ensure the improvement of the standard of living of farmers and fisherfolk beyond the poverty threshold, identify adequate funds in support of the Food Security Program, and promote coordination among NGAs, LGUs and the private sector.

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

SEC. 1. *Organization of the National Council on Food Security.* – The National Council on Food Security, herein referred to as NCFS, is hereby constituted to act as the overall coordinating body in the formulation of policy guidelines and master

plans and programs, as well as in the implementation of projects that ensure the attainment of the national vision, mission, goals, objectives and targets of a workable and sustainable Food Security Program.

SEC. 2. *Composition of the NCFS.* – The NCFS shall be composed of the following:

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| (a) | President of the Republic of the Philippines | Chairman |
| (b) | Secretary of Agriculture | Vice-Chairman |
| (c) | Secretary of the Interior and Local Government | Vice-Chairman |
| (d) | President, League of Provinces of the Philippines | Vice-Chairman |
| (e) | Secretary of Agrarian Reform | Member |
| (f) | Secretary of Trade and Industry | Member |
| (g) | Secretary of Budget and Management | Member |
| (h) | Secretary of Science and Technology | Member |
| (i) | Secretary of Health | Member |
| (j) | Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources | Member |
| (k) | Secretary of Public Works and Highways | Member |
| (l) | Chairman of Commission on Higher Education | Member |
| (m) | Chairman of National Irrigation Administration | Member |
| (n) | Administrator, National Food Authority | Member |
| (o) | Administrator, Cooperative Development Authority | Member |
| (p) | Lead Convenor of National Anti-Poverty Commission | Member |
| (q) | Governor, Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao | Member |
| (r) | President, League of Municipalities of the Philippines | Member |
| (s) | President, League of Cities of the Philippines | Member |
| (t) | President, National Liga ng mga Barangay | Member |
| (u) | Two (2) Representatives, Farmers Sector | Member |
| (v) | Two (2) Representatives, Fisheries Sector | Member |
| (w) | Two (2) Representatives, Business Sector | Member |
| (x) | Two (2) Representatives, Consumer Sector | Member |

The Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Agriculture shall be invited as *Ex-officio* members of the NCFS. The Chairman of the NCFS may designate other additional members as he may deem necessary.

The President of the Philippines shall appoint the sectoral representatives upon the joint recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Interior and Local Government, Secretary of Trade and Industry, and the President of the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP).

SEC. 3. *Duties and Functions of the NCFS.* – The NCFS shall perform the following functions:

- (a) To review all existing policies, plans, programs and projects of the government related to food security;
- (b) To formulate and recommend national policies, plans, and programs on food security, particularly, in the agriculture and fisheries sectors;
- (c) To design and adopt a comprehensive National Food Security Plan and Program, in consonance with the medium and long-term Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Plan as provided for in Republic Act No. 8435, after consultations with concerned NGAs, LGUs, non-government organizations and local agriculture and fishery councils;
- (d) To generate and mobilize resources from domestic and foreign sources for the implementation of the National Food Security Program as well as rationalize the use and the equitable distribution of such resources to LGUs;
- (e) To formulate the guidelines for the development and implementation of City/Provincial Food Security Action Plans in accordance with the National Food Security Program;
- (f) To design and implement a reward system and the appropriate mechanism specifically granting, on an annual basis, the incentive(s) for provinces adjudged as excellent or outstanding implementers of their respective Food Security Action Plan;
- (g) To ensure the conduct of regular monitoring, evaluation, and validation of the Programs; and
- (h) To call on any government agency or instrumentality as it may deem necessary in the exercise of its functions.

SEC. 4. *Organization of the Provincial/City Council on Food Security.* – The NCFS shall coordinate the organization in every province/ICC/HUC of a Council on Food Security herein referred to as Provincial/City CFS, to ensure the attainment of the vision, mission, goals, objectives, and targets of a workable and sustainable Food Security Action Plan.

SEC. 5. *Composition of the Provincial/City CFS.* – The Provincial/City CFS shall be composed of the following:

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| (a) Governor/City Mayor | – Chairman |
| (b) Provincial/City Agriculturist | – Vice-Chairman |
| (c) Provincial/City Director, DILG | – Secretariat Head |
| (d) Provincial/City Agrarian Reform Officer, DAR | – Member |
| (e) Provincial/City Manager, NFA | – Member |
| (f) Provincial/City Director, DTI | – Member |