

# **[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97, May 01, 1999 ]**

## **AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 49, s. 1998 FURTHER EXPANDING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE TRIPARTITE INDUSTRIAL PEACE COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Tripartite Industrial Peace Council (TIPC) was established through Executive Order (EO) No. 403 (s. 1990), as amended by EO 25 (s. 1992), EO 383 (s. 1996) and EO 49 (s. 1998) to promote meaningful tripartite consultation among the labor, employers and government sectors in the formulation and implementation of labor policies;

WHEREAS, during the 21 January 1999 High Level Conference on Labor and Employment, after due sectoral and regional consultations, the participants adopted the Medium Term Comprehensive Employment Plan (1999-2004) which identifies the national, sectoral and regional/local employment targets, policies, priorities and strategies;

WHEREAS, a truly representative and authoritative oversight mechanism is essential to ensure effective coordination and monitoring of efforts of both the public and private sectors to the commitments under the Comprehensive Employment Plan (CEP) thereby enhancing the prospects of attaining the employment goals;

WHEREAS, the TIPC, a multi-sectoral body composed of representatives from government, workers, employers and their organizations, is deemed an effective mechanism to ensure effective coordination and monitoring of efforts to implement both public and private sector commitments under the Comprehensive Employment Plan (CEP); and,

WHEREAS, there is need to amend EO 49 to expand the functions of the TIPC thereof for the effective implementation of the CEP.

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

SECTION 1. Expansion of the Functions of the Tripartite Industrial Peace Council. The functions of the TIPC are hereby expanded to include overseeing the implementation of the Medium Term Comprehensive Employment Plan (CEP). Relative thereto, it shall undertake the following:

- a. Monitor the observance of policy guidelines and implementation of the action plans committed by those concerned agencies at the national and regional/local levels;
- b. Facilitate the securing of the necessary budget, technical and human resources support for the effective implementation of the CEP;