

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 468, February 23, 1998]

PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, electronic commerce, which shall revolutionize trade in both goods and services, shall be a universal phenomenon due to the emerging Global Information Infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the State recognizes that there is a need to be abreast with international developments on electronic commerce to further enhance the competitiveness of local industries;

WHEREAS, there is a great potential for the country to participate in the worldwide electronic commerce, through the Internet and collaboration between the private and government sectors;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a coordinating body to enhance government and private sector partnership in the promotion and development of electronic commerce in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Electronic Commerce Promotion Council. There is hereby created a National Council to serve as the a coordinating body for the promotion of the development of electronic commerce in the country, herein referred to as the Council.

Section 2. Composition. The Council shall be composed of the following:

Department of Trade and Industry	Chairman
Private Sector Representative	Co-Chairman
Department of Transportation and Communication	Member
Department of Science and Technology	Member
National Economic and Development Authority	Member
Four (4) Private Sector Representatives	Member

The Council Chairman shall designate the Private Sector Representatives, including the Co-Chairman, for a term of not more than two (2) years.

Section 3. Functions. The Council shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Formulate, in coordination with the concerned agencies and private sector, a National Program and Strategy (NPS) for the Promotion of Electronic Commerce in the Country. The NPS for Electronic Commerce shall be made consistent with the National Information Technology Plan for the 21st Century;
- b. Coordinate and monitor the implementation of the above NPS;
- c. Recommend policies and programs which may further enhance the development of electronic commerce in the country;