

[**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 449, October 07, 1997**]

**REALIGNING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BUREAU OF
TREASURY**

WHEREAS, on one hand, the Bureau of Treasury has assumed the fiscal agency function of the national government from the old Central Bank of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on the other hand, the function of releasing Internal Revenue Allotments to local government units had been transferred to the Department of Budget and Management;

WHEREAS, the Bureau has decentralized its fidelity bonding of all accountable officers to the regional/provincial level;

WHEREAS, the Bureau has moved towards full computerization and networking with such projects as the implementation of the Automated Debt Auction which improved the processing of securities;

WHEREAS, in the light of these changes, there is an urgent need to restructure the functional groupings in the Bureau and thus enable it to perform more effectively its functions;

WHEREAS, under Section 78 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 8250 (General Appropriations Act for FY 1997), heads of departments, bureaus and agencies are directed to scale down, phase out or abolish activities no longer essential in the delivery of public services;

WHEREAS, under Section 76 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 8250, the President may direct changes in the organization and key positions in any department, bureau or agency;

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

SECTION 1. *Restatement of the functions of the Bureau of the Treasury.* The Bureau of the Treasury, hereinafter referred to as the Bureau, shall have the following functions:

1. Assist in the formulation of policies on borrowing, investment and capital market development;
2. Formulate adequate operations guidelines for fiscal and financial policies;
3. Assist in the preparation by government agencies concerned of an annual program for revenue and expenditure targets, borrowing levels and cash balances of National Government (NG);
4. Maintain books of accounts of cash transactions of the NG;

5. Manage the NG cash resources, collect advances made by NG and guarantee forward cover fees due NG, control and service its public debt, both foreign or domestic;
6. Issue, service, redeem government securities for the account of the NG as may be authorized by the President pursuant to law;
7. Administer the Securities Stabilization Fund by purchase and sale in the open market of government bills and bonds to increase the liquidity and stabilize the value of said securities in order to promote private investment in government securities;
8. Act as principal custodian of financial assets of the NG, its agencies and instrumentalities;
9. Bond all accountable public officials and employees pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bonding Law and issue appropriate guidelines therefor; and
10. Perform such other related functions as may be assigned to it by competent authorities.

SEC. 2. The Bureau shall be composed of the following organizational units:

1. **Office of the Treasurer of the Philippines** – The Bureau shall be headed by the **Treasurer of the Philippines (TOP)** who shall be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Finance hereinafter referred to as the Secretary. The following Services shall directly assist the TOP in his functions:

1.1 **Legal Service**, which shall provide legal advice and opinion to the agency on matters involving statutes, laws, rules and regulations affecting the Bureau; act as counsel of the Bureau or the Treasurer of the Philippines in court litigation; take legal action against violators of Treasury regulations; handle the escheat of dormant accounts with banks pursuant to existing laws; and conduct investigation and hearing of administrative cases filed against Treasury personnel.

1.2 **Internal Audit and Security Service**, which shall review and evaluate the control procedures for the purpose of ascertaining the adequacy, propriety and effectiveness of the control systems; audit maturing coupon payments attached to Land Bank Bonds; formulate and enforce adequate security measures for Treasury officials, employees and properties; and provide escort and security services to the National Cashier when withdrawing cash from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and upon request, to other representatives of government agencies withdrawing cash from the National Treasury.

2. **Planning and Policy Subsector** – The Subsector shall be headed by a Deputy Treasurer of the Philippines who shall be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Secretary. It shall be composed of the following:

2.1 **Research Service**, which shall prepare, in coordination with various government agencies and instrumentalities of the NG, annual plans and programs with respect to inflow of funds from revenues and debt sources into the Treasury; formulate and recommend policies, plans and programs for the management of the NG's cash resources, domestic debt and financial assets; assess results of operations in relation to NG's cash, debt and financial asset policies, plans and programs; provide technical assistance and advice on matters pertaining to