

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 316, March 30, 1996]

**DEVOLVING CERTAIN POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO THE
AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS
REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO**

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the state to foster the creation and growth of cooperatives as a practical vehicle for promoting self-reliance and harnessing people power towards the attainment of economic development and social justice;

WHEREAS, all government instrumentalities, branches, subdivisions and agencies are mandated to provide technical guidance, financial assistance, and services to enable cooperatives to develop into viable and responsive economic enterprises and thereby bring about a strong cooperative movement that is free from any conditions that might infringe upon the autonomy or organizational integrity of cooperatives;

WHEREAS, in guidance with the state policy, the Organic Act (RA 6734) mandated the regional government to encourage and support entrepreneurial capability in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), and further recognizes the promotion, development, and the protection of cooperatives as a vehicle to foster cooperativism in accordance with Islamic principles and local practices and traditions;

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee for the ARMM created under the said Act has identified the functions and powers exercised by the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) in the Autonomous Region that may be transferred, shared or retained;

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. *TRANSFER OF POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.* — The following powers, functions and responsibilities of the CDA are hereby transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG), viz.:

1. Formulate, adopt and implement integrated and comprehensive plans and programs on cooperative development for the ARMM consistent with national policy on cooperatives and the overall socio-economic regional development plans of the government;

2. Develop and conduct management and training programs upon request of cooperatives in the ARMM that will provide members of cooperatives with entrepreneurial capabilities, managerial expertise, and technical skills required for the efficient operation of their cooperatives and inculcate in them the true spirit of cooperativism and provide, when necessary, technical and professional assistance to