

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 236, April 22, 1995]

ORGANIZING THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ILLEGAL ENTRANTS, REPEALING E.O. 656, SERIES OF 1981, TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION AMONG MEMBER AGENCIES IN THE INVESTIGATION AND DISPOSITION OF CASES INVOLVING THE ILLEGAL ENTRY OF FOREIGN NATIONALS AND VESSELS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION

WHEREAS, it is a declared national policy of the Philippines to safeguard its territorial integrity and its sovereign right to explore and exploit, develop and manage its marine resources in accordance with existing laws;

WHEREAS, it is the objective of the National Government to effectively enforce its laws, rules and regulations on the entry of foreign nationals and vessels into Philippine territorial waters through the effective coordination of the investigative functions of the concerned law enforcement agencies in relation to the conduct of foreign nationals and vessels;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a forum to discuss issues for the purpose of formulating and submitting policy recommendations to the President on the investigation and disposition of cases involving the illegal entry of foreign nationals and vessels;

WHEREAS, cases of illegal entry of foreign nationals and vessels into Philippine waters have increased;

WHEREAS, there is an imperative and urgent need to create a coordinative committee on the investigation and disposition of cases involving the illegal entry of foreign nationals and vessels, and to facilitate and expedite government processes in the resolution of such cases;

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

Section 1. ORGANIZING THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ILLEGAL ENTRANTS

The NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ILLEGAL ENTRANTS, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, is hereby organized to be composed of the following agencies:

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| 1. Department of Foreign Affairs..... | Chairman |
| 2. Department of Justice..... | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. Department of National Defense..... | Co-Vice Chairman |
| 4. Department of Interior and Local Government..... | Co-Vice Chairman |