[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 152, January 21, 1994]

PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR UNIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (NPUDC) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, a primary objective of the Government is to pursue a genuine and lasting peace based on the principles of a comprehensive peace process;

WHEREAS, one of the major components of a comprehensive peace process in the provision of programs for reconciliation, reintegration into the mainstream of society, and rehabilitation through community-based assistance programs to address, among other things, the socio-economic needs of former rebels, demobilized combatants, and civilian victims of the internal armed conflicts;

WHEREAS, there is a need to formulate and implement an economic component of national unification on the pursuit of a comprehensive peace process;

WHEREAS, the economic component of national unification shall be principled, fair to all concerned and shall translate economic programs into subsequent opportunities for socio-economic empowerment;

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. The National Program for Unification and Development (NPUD). – The National Program for Unification and Development is hereby established to coordinate and integrate an economic component of national unification focusing on programs, projects and efforts addressing the socio-economic needs of the various beneficiaries;

SEC. 2. The National Program for Unification and Development Council. – The National Program for Unification and Development Council (NPUDC) is hereby created to coordinate, integrate and implement the National Program for Unification and Development, composed of the following:

a.	The Secretary of the Interior and Local Government	–	Chairman
b.	The Secretary of National Defense	–	Vice-Chairman
c.	The Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process	–	Member

SEC. 3. Powers and Functions of the NPUDC Council. — The NPUD Council shall have the following powers and functions: