

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 175, April 30, 1994]

CREATING A NORTHWESTERN LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, The Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan for 1993-1998 has identified the development of the Northwestern Luzon Growth Quadrangle (NWLQG) comprising the Laoag-San Fernando-Dagupan-Baguio area as a component strategy towards agri-industrial development;

WHEREAS, the development of the NWLQG into major industrial area is supportive of the government's industrial dispersal policy and concern for accelerated socio-economic growth and development of the Northwestern Luzon Area;

WHEREAS, the coordinative and management mechanism for the planning, implementation and monitoring of the NWLQG was already approved by the Regional Development Council (RDC) I and the Cordillera Executive Board (CEB) and is found to be within the framework of the government's decentralization and regionalization policy as provided under Executive Order Nos. 363 and 505;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the RDC and CEB approval of the management structure which led to the organization and operation of the existing structure for managing, planning and implementation activities in the NWLQG, there is a need to strengthen the mechanism for the overall direction, coordination and supervision of the NWLQG development efforts;

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. NWLQG Commission. There is hereby created under the Office of the President, a Presidential Commission to be called the Northwestern Luzon Growth Quadrangle (NWLQG) Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. The Commission shall be responsible for the overall policy direction, coordination and supervision of the entire NWLQG Development efforts. It shall be composed of the following members:

Secretary of Trade and Industry

CORDs for Region I and CAR

Secretary of Tourism

Secretary of Agriculture

Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources

Secretary of Transportation and Communication

Secretary of Public Works and Highways

Secretary of Energy

NEDA Director General

The Presidential Assistant for Regional Development

The Chairman of Regional Development Council I

The Chairman of the Cordillera Executive Board

The Provincial Governor of Ilocos Norte

The Provincial Governor of Ilocos Sur

The Provincial Governor of La Union

The Provincial Governor of Pangasinan

The Provincial Governor of Benguet

The City Mayor of Dagupan City

The City Mayor of Baguio City

The PCCI Chairman of Region I

The PCCI Chairman of CAR

The BCDA Chairman

NGO Regional Federation Representative each for Regions I and CAR to be appointed by the President

The Commission shall be chaired by the Secretary of Trade and Industry and co-chaired by the CORDs for Regions I and CAR.

The Commission shall have the following functions:

a) Review and submit to the President, for approval, the NWLGQ Master Plan and Development Program;

b) Provide overall direction, coordination and supervision in the planning, implementation and monitoring of all program/project components and development activities of the NWLGQ Development Program in consultation and coordination with the Joint RDC-CEB Interregional Consultative Council;

c) Cause the update, refinement and endorsement of the NWLGQ plans, investment programs and projects within the context of the NWLGQ Master Plan and the Regional Development and Physical Framework Plans and Investment Programs of Region I and CAR.

d) Cause the preparation of feasibility studies for and financing of the various projects identified for the NWLGQ;

e) Encourage the support and assistance from government and non-government institutions in planning and implementing the various projects under the NWLGQ Development Program;