

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 74, March 29, 1993]

**DIRECTING THE ADOPTION OF THE COUNTRY-TEAM APPROACH
IN THE CONDUCT OF DEVELOPMENT DIPLOMACY**

WHEREAS, the President of the Republic of the Philippines has declared diplomacy for development as the central thrust of the country's foreign policy;

WHEREAS, in pursuit of this declaration, the Department of Foreign Affairs has directed its Foreign Service Posts to place new focus on the efforts to secure external resources necessary for the development of the Philippines through economic and commercial representation;

WHEREAS, such economic and commercial representation involves a broad range of activities, such as the promotion of trade in goods and services, investments and tourism; the protection of worker's welfare; representations in trade policy; negotiations for official development assistance and bilateral debt; the facilitation of technology transfer and overseas employment; and economic information;

WHEREAS, such economic and commercial representation requires the cooperation of the concerned government departments and agencies;

WHEREAS, the representatives of the various government departments and agencies posted abroad and involved in said economic and commercial representation should act together as a one country-team; and

WHEREAS, the principles governing economic and commercial representation enunciated above apply as well to the politico-security and social sectors of development diplomacy.

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 direct the adoption of the country-team approach in the conduct of development diplomacy, as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) All officers, representatives and personnel of the Philippine government posted abroad, including but not limited to Trade Commissioners, Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) attaches, and trade, information, labor, military and cultural attaches, shall, on a per country basis, act as one country-team with a mission under the leadership of the Ambassador, who shall act as team leader.

(b) In host countries where there are consulates, such consulates shall also constitute part of the country-team under the leadership of the Ambassador.

(c) In the implementation of the country-team approach, visiting Philippine congressional delegations shall be provided full support and information.