

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 15, September 01, 1992]

CREATING A PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution mandates as a policy of the state, the protection and advancement of the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accordance with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, a National Conservation Strategy, as spelled out in the Philippine Strategy for Sustainable Development (PSSD) which was adopted in 1989, takes a balanced and integrated approach to environment and development issues by incorporating sustainable development principles and concepts in the national priorities of government;

WHEREAS, the Philippines already adhering to the principle of sustainable development actively participated in the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) Summit held in Rio de Janeiro, and committed to the principles set forth in the Rio Declaration, the Agenda 21, the Conventions on Climate Change and Biodiversity;

WHEREAS, the United Nations in UNCED, has adopted a resolution for the creation of a Sustainable Development Commission that will evaluate and monitor the compliance to the agreements and commitments made in Rio and in the course of its creation urged governments to also form similar bodies that will ensure that the activities at the national level are implemented and coordinated within global efforts;

WHEREAS, the agreements oblige the Philippines to translate the commitments to more concrete actions and ensure that all sectors of the society shall be involved in its operationalization;

WHEREAS, in order to achieve these ends, the creation of a national sustainable development council will provide the mechanism for attaining the principles of sustainable development and thus assure its integration in the Philippine national policies, plans and programs that will involve all sectors of the society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Philippine Council for Sustainable Development with membership and functions as provided in the following sections:

SECTION 1. Creation and Composition of the Council.

1) There is hereby created a Philippine Council on Sustainable Development to be headed by the Director-General of the National Economic and Development