

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 469, July 16, 1991]

**CREATING NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE
1992 UN CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
(UNCED)**

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 accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, environmental protection is now viewed as an integral part of the development process of developing countries and cannot be considered in isolation from it;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to intensify efforts to protect and improve the quality of the environment at national, sub-regional, and global levels by adopting, wherever relevant, an approach in which economic growth would be directed towards environmentally sound and sustainable development;

WHEREAS, there is a need to adopt an integrated approach to environment and development, whenever possible, and in accordance with our priorities and capabilities to incorporate environmental considerations into economic planning with a view to effecting the coordinated development of our economies and environment;

WHEREAS, the Philippines supported the United Nations General Assembly Resolution No. 44/228 adopted without a vote on 19 December 1989, which decided to convene a United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Brazil at the highest possible level of participation to coincide with World Environment Day on 5 June 1992 and which Conference is mandated to elaborate strategies and measures to halt and reverse the effects of environmental degradation in the context of strengthened national and international efforts to promote sustainable and environmentally sound development in all countries:

WHEREAS, the General Assembly Resolution No. 44/228 invites all States to take an active part in the preparations for the Conference and to prepare national reports to the Preparatory Committee:

WHEREAS, there is a need for the various agencies of Philippine Government to coordinate their activities in the implementation of the Philippine strategy for sustainable development;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the Philippine Government to coordinate its actions in preparation for a meaningful contribution to the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of

the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a National Coordinating Committee for the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development, hereinafter referred to as "the National Coordinating Committee for UNCED" with membership and functions as provided in the following sections:

SECTION 1. Composition - The National Coordinating Committee for UNCED is to be composed of the following:

Secretary of Foreign Affairs	- Chairman
Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources	-Co-Chairman
Secretary of Science and Technology	-Vice-Chairman
Secretary of Transportation and Communications	- Member
Secretary of Finance	- Member
Secretary of Agriculture	- Member
Secretary of Public Works & Highways	- Member
Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports	- Member
Secretary of Labor and Employment	- Member
Secretary of National Defense	- Member
Secretary of Health Secretary of Trade and Industry	- Member
Secretary of the Interior and Local Government	- Member
Secretary for Socio-Economic Planning	- Member
Executive Director, Office of Energy Affairs	- Member
A representative from the non-governmental organizations' sector (NGO) involved in environmental concerns	- Member

The President may designate such other officials as members of the National Coordinating Committee.

SEC. 2. The National Coordinating Committee for UNCED shall have the following functions and responsibilities: