

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 481, September 24, 1991]

**DEVOLVING TO THE AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF
THE AUTONOMOUS REGION FOR MUSLIM MINDANAO CERTAIN
POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND
INDUSTRY AND THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OVER ITS
OFFICES WITHIN THE REGION**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 133, series of 1987 mandates the Department of Trade and Industry as the primary, coordinative, facilitative and regulatory arm of the government for the country's trade and industry activities;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6734, otherwise known as an Organic Act for the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao provides that the Autonomous Regional Government recognizes the private sector as the prime mover of trade, commerce and industry;

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee created under Republic Act No. 6734 recommends that the control and supervision of the offices of the Department of Trade and Industry be placed, under the Autonomous Regional Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Transfer of Powers and Functions. The powers and functions of the Department of Trade and Industry under Executive Order No. 133, series of 1987 and as enumerated hereunder are hereby transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government (ARG);

- a. Plan, implement and coordinate activities of the government related to trade, industry and investments within the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao;
- b. Promote, initiate or conduct the annual trade and industry development conference between the government and the private sector which would be held at the beginning of the third quarter of the budget year or as programmed by the Autonomous Regional Government;
- c. Build up and maintain the trade and industry data base of the Regional Department's information system through a Continuing and well coordinated program of data search and information processing; Provided, however, That for purposes of the national data base and official statistics, the Autonomous Regional Government shall continue gathering data based on the National Government's trade and industry data base classification system;

- d. Develop and maintain an integrated computerized marketing information system for trade, industry and investments with a domestic scope; Provided, That there shall be a tie-up with the Department of Trade and Industry for international market information;
- e. Encourage and support the formation of People's Economic Councils within the Autonomous Region as well as other trade, industry and consumer protection institutions and associations;
- f. Formulate and implement programs to strengthen industries adversely affected by the economic crisis, particularly those that have a good probability of attaining financial viability;
- g. Formulate plans and programs that shall encourage projects which affect dispersal of industries to the rural areas, promote manufactured goods for export, and develop small and medium scale industries;
- h. Upgrade and develop the manufacture of local capital goods and precision machinery components;
- i. Coordinate efforts in formulating long-term industry sectoral plans with the private sector;
- j. Promote domestic trade, marketing and distributions to ensure the rational, economical and steady flow of commodities from producing and/or marketing centers to areas in short supply;
- k. After due notice and hearing, establish orderly marketing arrangements for locally produced and imported manufactured goods, and for raw materials used by manufacturing and construction done within the Autonomous Region;
- l. Prepare, for consideration of the Monetary Board, proposed programs in the commercial banking sector for directing commercial lending facilities towards priority areas of commercial and development, as well as coordinate government direct funding and financial guarantee programs to achieve trade and industry growth;
- m. Create, in cooperation and coordination with the Regional Department of Labor and Employment, a center which shall provide assistance to the public relative to industrial relations; and
- n. Issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum to compel attendance of witnesses and the production of necessary information, papers and documents which it may deem necessary in the exercise of its powers and functions,

Furthermore, the powers and functions of the Department of Trade and Industry Regional Offices and as enumerated hereunder shall be transferred to the Autonomous Regional Government, to wit:

- a. Implement rules and regulations, and the laws, policies, plans, programs and projects of the Regional Department;