

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 430, October 15, 1990]

**CONSTITUTING THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON BIOSAFETY OF
THE PHILIPPINES (NCBP) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the impact of the new technologies on health, agriculture, chemical and pharmaceutical, and environment and natural resources has been a continuing world-wide concern of many countries;

WHEREAS, biotechnology has high potential to improve the quality of human life but may have concomittant risks and hazards to health safety, the environment and society;

WHEREAS, the hazards associated with the processes and the products of researches in biotechnology may be minimized, if not totally eliminated, by the different containment levels and procedures observed in the laboratories and greenhouses;

WHEREAS, most of the risks are associated with the field testing and eventual deliberate release of genetically manipulated/engineered organisms into the environment;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute a body that shall undertake the study and evaluation of existing laws, policies and guidelines on biotechnology and its related matters, and recommend such measures for its effective utilization and prevention of possible pernicious effects in the environment;

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. There is hereby constituted the National Committee on Biosafety of the Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the NCBP, which shall be attached to the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

The NCBP shall be composed of the following:

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| Chairman | - | DOST Undersecretary for R & D |
| Members | - | 1 biological scientist |
| | | 1 environmental scientist |
| | | 1 physical scientist |
| | | 1 social scientist |