

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 356, May 23, 1989 ]**

**AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 526, S. OF 1979 AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 526, S. of 1979, provides for the rationalization of government computer services;

WHEREAS, Information Technology is currently used to refer to computers, telecommunications, and office systems technologies;

WHEREAS, there is a need to update and direct government information technology efforts towards the attainment of continued national economic growth and development;

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. Section 3 of Executive Order No. 526, S. of 1979, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. An Information Technology Coordinating Council is hereby created to:

- a. Formulate and recommend to the National Economic and Development Authority Board policies and plans that affect the development and application of Information Technology in the country;
- b. Monitor the significant developments and activities that affect the development of Information Technology; and
- c. Assist the National Computer Center in the formulation of policies, guidelines, and standards for information systems development in the government.

The Council shall consist of the Managing Director of the National Computer Center as chairman and a representative of at least the rank of an Assistant Secretary from each of the following departments:

Department of Education Culture & Sports;  
Department of Science and Technology;  
Department of Trade and Industry;  
Department of Transportation and Communications; and  
National Economic and Development Authority

The Executive Secretary shall designate three (3) members of the Information Technology Coordinating Council from among the nominees