[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 377, November 03, 1989]

PROVIDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR COORDINATING THE HANDLING OF THE BASES ISSUE AND CREATING THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON THE BASES FOR THE PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the complexity of the bases issues requires many actions and decisions involving many departments and offices of the Executive Branch;

WHEREAS, the bases issue requires due consideration of the views of Congress, the communities directly affected by the disposition of the bases, and various sectoral groups concerned with the impact of foreign military facilities on national development;

WHEREAS, the Constitutional provision, Article XVIII, Section 25, that:

> "After the expiration in 1991 of the Agreement between the Republic of the Philippines and the United States of America concerning Military Bases, foreign military bases, troops, or facilities shall not be allowed in the Philippines except under a treaty duly concurred in by the Senate and, when the Congress so requires, ratified by a majority of the votes cast by the people in a national referendum held for that purpose, and recognized as a treaty by the other contracting State";

requires urgent action by the government;

WHEREAS, to assure that the entire Executive Branch responds to these matters with efficiency and effectiveness for the protection of national sovereignty and the interests of the Filipino people, it is necessary to provide arrangements to address the bases issue;

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. *Creation*. – There is hereby created the President's Committee on the Bases, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, composed of the following:

Hon Catalino Macaraig, Jr.	– *Chairman*
Hon Alfredo R. A. Bengzon	– *Vice-Chairman*
Hon. Raul S. Manglapus	– *Member*
Hon. Fidel V. Ramos	– *Member*
Hon. Franklin M. Drilon	– *Member*
Hon. Fulgencio S. Factoran, Jr.	– *Member*
Hon. Rafael N. Ileto	– *Member*
Hon. Edilberto de Jesus	– *Member*