

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 308, November 05, 1987 ]**

**PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS.**

WHEREAS, Article X Section 14, of the 1987 Constitution states that: "The President shall provide for regional development councils or other similar bodies composed of local government officials, regional heads of departments and other government offices, and representatives from non-governmental organizations within the regions for purposes of administrative decentralization to strengthen the autonomy of the units therein and to accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the units in the region";

WHEREAS, there is a need to reorganize and strengthen further the Regional Development Councils now existing in all the administrative regions of the country in order to make them more effective instruments for regional development, consistent with the aforesaid constitutional mandate;

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

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State that socio-economic development programs and activities of government be undertaken with the extensive and active participation and support from, and coordination of, various government agencies, as well as private sector institutions, at the national, regional and local levels.

SEC. 2. *Reorganization of the Regional Development Council.* - To carry out the aforesaid policy, the Regional Development Council, hereafter referred to as the Council, is hereby reorganized and strengthened. The Council shall be the primary institution in the region which shall set the direction of economic and social development of the region and through which regional development efforts shall be coordinated.

a. *Composition of the Council.* - The Council shall be composed of the following members:

- (i) All provincial Governors, and Mayors of chartered cities and of the regional center in each region;
- (ii) The Regional Directors of agencies represented in the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board; *Provided*, That each Department or Agency shall be represented by only one Regional Director thereof; and

- (iii) Representatives of the private sector and non-governmental organizations who shall not be more than one-fourth of the members of the fully constituted Council and who shall be selected by the *ex-officio* members of the Council in accordance with the Rules and Regulations to be prescribed under Section 9 of this Executive Order.

*b. Functions of the Council.* - The Council shall have the following functions:

- (i) Coordinate the formulation of long-term, medium-term and annual socio-economic development plans and policies at the regional and subregional levels;
- (ii) Coordinate the formulation of the medium-term and annual public investment programs at the regional and subregional levels;
- (iii) Undertake the appraisal and prioritization of the region's socio-economic development programs and projects, consistent with the standards and policies developed by the NEDA;
- (iv) Promote and monitor the inflow and allocation of private investment capital in the regions, consistent with development objectives, strategies and policies adopted;
- (v) Coordinate the implementation of programs and projects in the region which involve several agencies in their implementation; and
- (vi) Monitor, evaluate and formulate recommendations on the implementation of development plans and programs in the region.

To carry out its functions, the Council shall be responsible for (1) approving the Regional Development plan, the Multi-year Regional Development Investment Program and the Regional annual Investment Program; (2) reviewing and endorsing to the national government the regional budget proposals of government agencies; and (3) ensuring the consistency of local development plans with the regional plan priorities, through coordination with the Provincial Development Councils and the Municipal Development Councils.

The Council shall meet as often as may be necessary but not less than once every quarter. It may, by resolution, create an Executive Committee to look after the day-to-day activities of the Council.

The Council shall report to the President through the NEDA Board.

*c. Sectoral Committee.* - To assist the Council in the performance of its functions, it shall create various Sectoral Committees with private sector and government membership whose functions shall include the following: (i) collating and analyzing sectoral information and statistics in the preparation of the annual regional development report; (ii) assisting the Council in the translation of national