

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 835, October 14, 1982]

PROVIDING FOR A REVISED CHARTER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON INTEGRATED AREA DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, under the New Republic, national economic development shall be pursued with renewed dedication and greater determination through a more efficient, effective, and economical government;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state to carry out a concerted attack on the problem of mass poverty, unemployment, underemployment, and social justice;

WHEREAS, to provide the proper perspective to such problems, there is a need for greater emphasis on the integrated area development of the countryside;

WHEREAS, integrated area development must be undertaken to marshal cooperative activity towards the creation of a just and humane society;

WHEREAS, integrated area development must seek its roots in a people working in communion with each other;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent and compelling need to develop among government planners and decision makers a common policy orientation that can serve as a guide for the formulation of programs and projects geared towards integrated area development;

WHEREAS, the task of development calls for a shift from the traditional broad and piecemeal approach to a systematic and coordinated implementation of projects aimed at the countryside;

WHEREAS, it now becomes essential that these activities and projects in the countryside be properly integrated, priorities be established, and a central planning and implementing body charged with the development of an integrated plan of action for integrated rural development be created; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416 as amended, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvement as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416 as amended, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy. It is the declared policy of the state to promote and support the improvement, growth and development of the countryside through integrated area development consistent with the principle of self-help and self-

reliance.

SECTION 2. Creation of the National Council on Integrated Area Development. There is hereby created a National Council on Integrated Area Development, as a sub-committee of the Cabinet, under the Office of the Prime Minister hereinafter referred to as the Council which shall be composed of the Prime Minister as Chairman, with the following as members: the Minister of Agrarian Reform, the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Human Settlements, the Minister of Local Government, the Minister of National Defense, the Minister of Natural Resources, the Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority, the Director General of the Office of Budget and Management, the Minister of Public Works and Highways, the Minister of Trade and Industry, and the Executive Director of the Council. The Prime Minister may designate other Ministers as well as other heads of Offices who are members of the Cabinet to be members of the Council.

The Prime Minister shall designate a Vice-Chairman from among the members of the Council who shall perform the functions of the Chairman in his absence.

The Council may establish an Executive Committee composed of three members to be designated by the Chairman from among the members of the Council which shall act for and in behalf of the Council when the latter is not in session.

A Program Coordinating Committee shall be formed, composed of the designated senior level representatives of the members of the Council, as well as of the Presidential Management Staff, and the National Irrigation Administration, which shall be chaired by the Executive Director. The Committee shall assist the Council in expediting inter-agency commitments to on-going and pipeline projects. The Committee may have such additional members composed of designated senior level representatives of other agencies as may be determined by the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister may established such sub-committees as may be necessary for coordination purposes.

The Council may, at its discretion, assume supervision and control of other integrated area development projects not under its present jurisdiction, which are multi-sectoral in nature and which are primarily sub-regional and preferably multi-provincial in geographical coverage.

The members of the Council shall receive a reasonable amount of per diem as the Council may provide for every meeting actually attended by them.

SECTION 3. Powers and Functions of the Council. The Council shall have the following powers and functions:

- (a) Institutionalize the implementing mechanism for integrated area development through formal planning, monitoring and budgetary controls;
- (b) Formulate an integrated framework plan to guide the development of priority areas, including depressed areas as determined by the Council;
- (c) Rationalize the participation of the rural people through their local governments in development planning and implementation;

(d) Initiate small-scale, high-impact integrated projects utilizing existing indigenous resources;

(e) Mobilize efficiently multi-sectoral resources and properly channel these into integrated rural development projects, and

(f) Generate private sector participation in integrated area development projects and establish the appropriate mechanism for it.

SECTION 4. Powers and Functions of the Chairman. The Chairman as Chief Executive Officer shall have the following powers and functions:

(a) To formulate policy guidelines and approve an integrated plan of action;

(b) To call and preside over the meetings of the Council;

(c) To appoint the Project Directors of the various integrated area development projects;

(d) To enter into contracts to enable it to carry out its purposes and functions under this Executive Order;

(e) To establish a system of priorities for integrated area development and provided the basic criteria for selecting project areas;

(f) To arrange and/or negotiate for funding from local and foreign financial institutions;

(g) To approve requests of the implementing departments and agencies for budget releases for projects in accordance with the integrated plan of action, budgets and work programs approved by the Council; Provided, that such approval shall be subject to the availability of funds in accordance with the existing budgetary policies, laws, rules and regulations which shall be approved by the Council;

(h) To call on any department, bureau, office, agency, or state university or college and other instrumentalities of the government for assistance in the form of personnel, facilities and other resources as the needs arise in the discharge of its functions.

SECTION 5. Qualifications and Compensation of the Executive Director as Chief Operating Officer. There shall be an Executive Director of the Council to be appointed by the President upon consultation with the members of the Council. The Executive Director shall act as the Chief Operating Officer and shall possess the following qualifications:

(a) a citizen of the Philippines;

(b) at least thirty (30) years of age; and

(c) a proven record of executive competence in the field of public administration and/or rural development projects or in the management of agricultural, industrial