

## **[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 625, October 08, 1980 ]**

### **CREATING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

WHEREAS, the field of geological sciences assumes a prominent role in the country's urgent search for more energy and mineral resources as well as in the popular concern for environmental protection and conservation;

WHEREAS, local efforts in the field of geological sciences are handled by several government agencies and institutions;

WHEREAS, international programs and activities in the geological sciences involving Philippine participation require the unified planning and action by several government agencies and institutions concerned;

WHEREAS, the creation of a coordinating body involving the government agencies and institutions concerned would provide a vehicle for the systematic planning and deliberation of national programs in the geological sciences as well as Philippine participation in international geological activities; eliminate undue duplication of efforts and expenditures; facilitate data exchange and monitoring; and provide government policy makers on advisory body concerning developments in the geological sciences;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and ordain the following:

SECTION 1. Creation of the National Committee on Geological Sciences. – There is hereby created a National Committee on Geological Sciences, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, which shall be under the authority of the Office of the President; and which shall ensure unified action by all government agencies in international activities related to the geological sciences. The Committee shall serve as an advisory body to the government and a coordinating body of all government agencies involved in the aforesaid activities without prejudice to the internal affairs of the individual agencies concerned.

SECTION 2. Definition and Scope of Geological Sciences. – The term "Geological Sciences" is herein defined as that group of disciplines in the natural sciences dealing with the earth, its composition, physics, structure and evolution. It shall include, among others, the following disciplines: Geochemistry; Petrology; Mineralogy; Geophysics; Geodynamics; Structural Geology; Tectonics; Geomorphology; Volcanology; Seismology; Stratigraphy; Paleontology; Historical Geology; Economic Geology; and such interdisciplinary subjects as Marine Geology, Hydrogeology, Engineering Geology, Petroleum Geology, Environmental Geology, Mineral Economics, Mining Geology, Geomathematics, Geostatistics, Geobarometry, Geochronology, Nuclear Geology, Geothermometry, Astrogeology, Remote Sensing in