

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 223, March 29, 2000]

**SUPPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 191 ON THE
DEACTIVATION OF THE ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE AND
INVESTIGATION BUREAU AND FOR OTHER MATTERS**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 191 directs the deactivation of the Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau (EIIB), including the termination or integration of its employees, the transfer of its assets and liabilities and the performance of its functions by other agencies, due to redundancy and duplication of functions;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8760 mandates the winding up of the activities and operations of the EIIB and appropriates P44,922,000.00 for this specific purpose;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6656 recognizes the need to protect the security of tenure of civil service officers and employees in the reorganization process without sacrificing the promotion of morale, efficiency, integrity, responsiveness, progressiveness, and courtesy in the civil service pursuant to Article IX, B, Section 3 of the Constitution;

WHEREAS, there is a need to maintain and coordinate certain economic intelligence operations in the Department of Finance and its attached bureaus and agencies;

WHEREAS, the deactivation of EIIB and the final disposition of its personnel, assets and liabilities require inter-agency coordination for its smooth and orderly implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of Task Force. A Task Force is hereby created to be chaired by the Executive Secretary, with the Secretary of Finance, the Secretary of Budget and Management and the Secretary of Justice as members, that shall provide policy guidelines for, and oversee, the final disposition of personnel, functions, assets and liabilities of the EIIB.

SECTION 2. Transfer or Re-Employment of EIIB Personnel. (a) EIIB personnel shall be given priority in hiring for existing vacant positions in other government agencies, subject to compliance with established qualification standards set by the receiving agencies. The transfer to or re-employment of EIIB personnel with other agencies shall be exempt from the prohibition on new hiring under Administrative Order No. 100 dated 01 December 1999. All accrued leave credits of EIIB personnel shall be paid within the period given in the next succeeding section.

(b) Transfer of functions under Section 4 hereof may, where necessary, carry with it transfer of the corresponding position/s that are not abolished or deemed redundant under Section 3 hereof from EIIB to the absorbing agency; Provided, that, functions inherent to DOF but have been exercised by EIIB and relevant positions shall be