

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 328, December 27, 2000 ]**

**FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 270 SERIES OF 2000, EXTENDING UP TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "WINDING UP" OF OPERATIONS OF THE CORDILLERA EXECUTIVE BOARD (CEB), CORDILLERA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY (CRA) AND CORDILLERA BODONG ADMINISTRATION (CBA) AS PROVIDED UNDER THESE AGENCIES SPECIAL PROVISION IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000, TO FURTHER EXTEND SAID "WINDING UP" ACTIVITY TO MARCH 31, 2001**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 220 series of 1987, created the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) to administer the affairs of the government in the region, accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the units thereof and prepare the establishment of the autonomous region in the Cordillera;

WHEREAS, E.O. 220 further provided for the activation of the Cordillera Executive Board (CEB), Cordillera Regional Assembly (CRA) and Cordillera Bodong Administration (CBA);

WHEREAS, the Special provision in the GAA for the CAR for FY 2000 mandates that the amounts appropriated for CAR shall be used to wind-up the activities of the Cordillera agencies including the separation and retirement benefits of all affected employees; Provided, that any deficiency in the amount for payment of terminal leave and retirement gratuity benefits shall be taken from the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefit Fund;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6656 recognizes the need to protect the security of tenure of civil service officials and employees in the re-organization 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, the winding up of the three Cordillera bodies 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 the law do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Government Operations. For purposes of Governmental operations, the integrity of the Cordillera Administrative Region as composed of the provinces of Abra, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga, Apayao and Mt. Province and the Chartered City of Baguio shall be maintained as created by virtue of EO 220 and all regional offices and agencies of the National Government established in the Cordillera Administrative Region shall continue to serve the region.