

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 463, January 09, 1998]

CREATING THE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP IN LINE WITH THE COMPUTERIZATION PROGRAM OF THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

WHEREAS, to achieve modernization and global competitiveness, and as an important catalyst for change, the Bureau of Customs has adopted the World Bank-sponsored computerization and information technology program;

WHEREAS, in the implementation of the said computerization program, the services of foreign consultants have been engaged by the Bureau of Customs and their service contract will expire in the first quarter of 1998;

WHEREAS, there is a need to continue computerization and information technology program initiated by the said foreign consultants;

WHEREAS, the computerization program will facilitate productivity and increase efficiency of transactions and services, automate processes and reduce human intervention, thus maximizing revenue and facilitating trade;

WHEREAS, an in-depth study made jointly by the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), National Computer Center (NCC), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and World Bank found the urgency to create a centralized and integrated office that will handle the computerization program of the Bureau of Customs to ensure proper implementation and continuous progress of the said program;

WHEREAS, Section 2 par. 2(f) of Presidential Decree No. 1772, amending PD 1416, expressly grants the President the continuing authority to reorganize the National Government, including the power to group and consolidate bureaus and agencies, abolish offices, transfer functions, create and classify functions, services and activities and standardize salaries and materials; and

WHEREAS, under Section 76 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 8250 (FY 1997 General Appropriations Act), the President may direct changes in the Organization and key positions in any department, bureau or agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. CREATION. A new office in the Bureau of Customs is hereby created and shall be known as the Management Information Systems and Technology Group (herein after referred to as MISTG for brevity).

SEC. 2. COMPOSITION. The MISTG shall be headed by a Deputy Commissioner to be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the