

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 259, July 01, 1995]

FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 175 DATED APRIL 30, 1994, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 223 DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1995 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 229 DATED MARCH 19, 1995, WHICH CREATED A NORTHWESTERN LUZON GROWTH QUADRANGLE COMMISSION

I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the amendment of Executive Order No. 175 dated April 30, 1994 as amended by Executive Order No. 223 dated February 7, 1995 and Executive Order No. 229 dated March 19, 1995, as follows:

The First WHEREAS Clause is hereby amended to read as follows:

"WHEREAS, The Medium Term Philippine Development Plan for 1993-1998 has identified the development of the Northwestern Luzon Growth Quadrangle (NWLQG) comprising the provinces of Region 1 and the Baguio-La Trinidad-Itogon-Samblan-Tuba (BLIST) area in Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) as a component strategy towards agri-industrial development;"

The Third WHEREAS Clause is hereby amended to read as follows:

"WHEREAS, the coordinative and management mechanism for the planning, implementation and monitoring of the NWLGQ was already approved by the Regional Development Council (RDC) I and the government's decentralization and regionalization policy as provided under Executive Order Nos. 363 and 505;"

SECTION 1. Section 1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC 1. NWLQG Commission. There is hereby created under the Office of the President, a Presidential Commission to be called the Northwestern Luzon Growth Quadrangle Commission (NWLQG), hereinafter referred to as the Commission. The Commission shall be responsible for the overall policy direction, coordination and supervision of the entire NWLGQ development efforts. It shall be composed of the following members:

Secretary of Trade and Industry

CORDs for Region I and CAR

Secretary of Tourism

Secretary of Agriculture

Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources

Secretary of Transportation and Communication

Secretary of Public Works and Highways

Secretary of Energy

Secretary of Budget and Management

NEDA Director General

The Presidential Assistant for Regional Development

The Chairman of Regional Development Council I

The Chairman of Cordillera Executive Board

The Provincial Governor of Ilocos Norte

The Provincial Governor of Ilocos Sur

The Provincial Governor of La Union

The Provincial Governor of Pangasinan

The Provincial Governor of Benguet

The City Mayor of Dagupan City

The City Mayor of Baguio City

The City Mayor of Laoag City

The Municipal Mayor of San Fernando, La Union

The PCCI Chairman of Region I

The PCCI Chairman of CAR

The BCDA Chairman

NGO Regional Federation Representative each for Regions 1 and CAR to be appointed by the President

The Executive Director of the Coordinating Council of the Philippine Assistance Program (CCPAP)

The Commission shall be chaired by the CORD for Region 1 and co-chaired by the Secretary of Trade and Industry and CORD for CAR.

The Commission shall have the following functions:

a) Review and submit to the President for approval, the NWLGQ Master Plan and Development Program;

b) Provide overall policy direction, coordination and monitoring of all program/project components and development activities of the NWLGQ Development Program in consultation and coordination with the Joint RDC-CEB Inter-Regional Consultative Council;

c) Cause the preparation, update, refinement and endorsement of the NWLGQ plans, investment programs and projects within the context of the NWLGQ Master

Plan and the Regional Development and Physical Framework Plans and Investment Programs of Regions I and CAR;

d) Cause the preparation of feasibility studies for the financing of the various projects identified for the NWLGQ;

e) Encourage the support and assistance from government and non-government institutions in planning and implementing the various projects under the NWLGQ Development Program;

f) Organize the Program Management Office (PMO), define its organizational set-up, establish its staffing pattern as well as internal operating systems and procedures;

g) Review and confirm contracts entered into by the Executive Director of the Program Management Office (PMO);

h) Review and endorse to the concerned implementing bodies (Central Offices) the annual budget of the North Quad Development Program to ensure that the funding requirements of the North Quad Programs/Projects approved by the RDC will form part of the concerned agencies' annual budget;

i) Review and endorse to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) the annual budget for the operations of the North Quad Commission/Program Management Office;

j) Submit to the President regular progress reports on the NWLGQ Development Program and such other reports as may be required;

k) To accept and manage grants, donations or any such funds for the development of the NWLGQ Program;

l) To negotiate for development funds to include ODA on a bilateral or multi-lateral basis in accordance with the existing rules and regulations;

m) To adopt rules, systems and procedures and structures which the Commission may deem fit to carry out its functions;

n) To mobilize private sector participation as the primary actor for the Quad development;

o) To conduct advocacy and investment promotion activities.

SEC 2. Section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. Executive Committee (ExCom). There is hereby created a NWLGQ Executive Committee (ExCom) to supervise its day-to-day operations. The ExCom shall be comprised of not more than one third of the total membership of the fully-constituted Commission. The Commission shall appoint the members of the ExCom. The Chairman of the ExCom shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Commission. The ExCom Chairman shall possess, among others, national and regional statute and perspective. All action/s undertaken by the ExCom shall be confirmed by the Commission proper.

The Executive Committee (ExCom) shall have the following functions:

a) Evaluate and endorse to the Commission the North Quad Master Plan;