

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 15-W, August 08, 1944 ]**

**REORGANIZING AND CONSOLIDATING THE EXECUTIVE  
DEPARTMENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT**

For the purpose of adapting the functions of the Executive Department of the Commonwealth Government, now temporarily established in the United States, to the exigencies and necessities of the war situation, and the public interest so demanding, I, Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and the Emergency Powers Law, do hereby organize and consolidate the Executive Department of the Commonwealth Government into five department, to wit: the Department of Finance; the Department of National of Defense and Communications; the Department of Information and Publbic Relations; the Department of Justice, Labor and Welfare; and the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, which shall be under the direct control of the respective secretaries of department, exercising their functions subject to the general supervision and control of the President.

All powers of direction, supervision and control over any office which does not come under the jurisdiction of any of the departments enumerated above shall be exercised by the President or by any Department Secretary whom the President may designate.

Done at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, this eight day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the ninth.

**(SGD.) MANUEL L. QUEZON**

President of the Philippines



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