[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 192, May 23, 1995]

CREATING A MULTI-SECTORAL/AGENCY TASK FORCE TO FORMULATE THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, it is the policy of government to vigorously promote employment and provide job opportunities so as to bring down unemployment from 8.8% to 6.5%;

WHEREAS, the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan 1993-1998 has adopted the strategies of global competitiveness, people empowerment and sustainable development as the path to economic growth, poverty alleviation and human development;

WHEREAS, recent developments like the formation of ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA), Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APC), and the World Trade Organization (WTO), among others, have given rise to opportunities for sustainable economic growth and full harnessing of its benefits for full employment generation; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in the unemployment rate may be attained through the formulation of a Comprehensive Employment Strategy Program which shall, among others, rationalize employment policies, strategies and programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the formulation of the Comprehensive Employment Strategy Program.

SECTION 1. Creation of a Multi-Sectoral/Agency Task Force to Formulate the Comprehensive Employment Strategy Program - A Multi-Sectoral/Agency Task Force to Formulate the Comprehensive Employment Strategy Program, hereinafter referred to as the Multi-Sectoral/Agency Task Force, is hereby created.

SECTION 2. Composition - The Multi-Sectoral/Agency Task Force, to be Chaired by the National Economic and Development Authority and Co-Chaired by the Department of Labor and Employment, shall have the representatives from the following agencies/sectors as members:

- a) Department of Trade and Industry;
- b) Department of Agriculture;
- c) Department of Agrarian Reform;
- d) Department of Interior and Local Government;
- e) Department of Budget and Management;
- f) Department of Foreign Affairs;
- g) Department of Transportation and Communications;
- h) Department of Science and Technology
- i) Technological Education and Skills Development Authority;
- j) Presidential Adviser for Youth Affairs;