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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 78

CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE TO STUDY PROPOSALS FOR REORIENTING THE BASIC MANDATE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AS A SOCIAL INSTITUTION, INSTEAD OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

*WHEREAS*, dialogues with the labor sector brought out the need to provide safety nets for labor in times of economic difficulties in the short-term and to respond to the sector's welfare needs in the long-term;

*WHEREAS*, the Social Security System (SSS) under the Social Security Commission administers the payments and contributions of more than 13 million member-employees from the private sector for the provision of protection against the hazards of disability, sickness, old age and death;

*WHEREAS*, there is a need for an Inter-Agency Committee to study and recommend policies and measures to operationalize the social objectives of the SSS;

*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. An Inter-agency Committee to Study Proposals for Re-orienting the Basic Mandate of the Social Security System as a Social Institution, instead of a Financial Institution, hereinafter referred to as the Inter-Agency Committee, is hereby created with the following members:

- Chairman - Executive Secretary
- Members - Administrator, Social Security System
- Secretary, Department of Labor & Employment

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Section 2. The Inter-agency Committee shall have the following objectives and functions:

- a. To study the proposal for re-orienting the basic mandate of the Social Security System, hereinafter referred to as the System, as a social institution, instead of a financial institution, and its implications on the policies, plans and programs of the System;
- b. Pursuant to the above, to study whether the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Social Security Commission;
- c. To recommend to the President and other concerned government entities such policy and operational changes necessary to implement the social mandate of the System.


Section 3. The Inter-Agency Committee is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government including government-owned or controlled corporations and the private sector for assistance in the effective and efficient implementation of this Administrative Order.

Section 4. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety three.



By the President:

  
 TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.  
 Executive Secretary