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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 160

**CREATING THE NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMISSION FOR
THE 1996 ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION (APEC) MEETINGS,
PRESCRIBING ITS AUTHORITY AND FUNCTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Philippines, committed to the continued development and growth of the Asia-Pacific region through close and meaningful cooperation with the countries in the region, has joined the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

WHEREAS, the Philippines as a founding member of APEC, has actively participated and will continue to participate in the activities of APEC;

WHEREAS, the Philippines will host the 1996 APEC annual meetings;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute a national commission to organize and supervise all activities related to the hosting of said meetings;

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

SECTION 1. **Organization** - A National Organizing Commission (APEC-NOC) is hereby constituted to be composed of the following:

Secretary of Foreign Affairs	-	Chairman
Secretary of Trade and Industry	-	Co-Chairman
Executive Secretary	-	Co-Chairman
Secretary of Transportation and Communication	-	Member
Secretary of Tourism	-	Member
Secretary of Public Works and Highways	-	Member
Secretary of the Interior and Local Government	-	Member
Press Secretary	-	Member
Secretary of Budget and Management	-	Member
Chairman, Metro Manila Authority	-	Member
Chairman, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority	-	Member
President, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry	-	Member
President, Makati Business Club	-	Member

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SECTION 2 Executive Committee - an APEC Executive Committee (APEC-EC) is hereby established to assist the APEC-NOC in the pursuit of its objectives. The APEC-EC shall be headed by a Director General to be appointed by the Chairman. The APEC-EC may constitute sub-committees as it may deem appropriate. The APEC-EC shall be composed of representatives of the following:

Secretary of Foreign Affairs;
Secretary of Trade and Industry;
Secretary of the Interior and Local Government;
Secretary of Budget and Management;
Chairman, Metro Manila Authority
Chairman, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority; and
3 Representatives of the Private Sector

The APEC-NOC Chairman may also invite private individuals and organizations as members of the APEC-EC.

SECTION 3 Authority and Functions - In pursuit of its objectives and subject to existing laws, the APEC-NOC shall have the following authority and functions:

- 3.1. Formulate and recommend, after proper study and consultations, to the President within ninety (90) days from the signing of this Administrative Order, a preliminary workplan and estimated budget for the proper hosting of the said meetings;
- 3.2. Implement the workplan once approved by the President and supervise and monitor all activities in relations thereto;
- 3.3. Call upon any official, agent, employee, agency or instrumentality of the national or local government for any assistance that may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Administrative Order;
- 3.4. Negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts necessary for the attainment of the objectives of this Administrative Order, including contracts for services;

SECTION 4 Office - The APEC-NOC shall hold office at the Department of Foreign Affairs in appropriate office to be provided by the Department.

SECTION 5 Coordination with PCAAC - The APEC-NOC shall consult and coordinate with the Philippine Council on ASEAN and APEC Cooperation (PCAAC) which shall continue to be responsible for formulating the Philippine position in substantive issues related to APEC.

SECTION 6 **Funding** - The APEC-NOC shall be funded with an initial allocation of five million pesos (P5,000,000.00), without prejudice to the APEC-NOC submitting a supplemental budget, all to be drawn from the President's Contingent Fund (1995). Appropriation for 1996 shall be incorporated in budget proposals under the Office of the President.

SECTION 7 **Administrative Guidelines/Order** - The APEC-NOC shall adopt such administrative guidelines or orders as may be necessary to achieve the objectives of this Administrative Order.

SECTION 8 **Effectivity** - This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 5th day of December, in the of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-four.



By the President:



LEONARDO A. QUISUMBING
Acting Executive Secretary