

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 76

CREATING THE NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR
THE 1999 INFORMAL SUMMIT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN
COUNTRIES (ASEAN) AND ITS RELATED MEETINGS,
PRESCRIBING ITS AUTHORITY AND FUNCTIONS

WHEREAS, the Philippines has committed to promote peace and prosperity in Southeast Asia by maintaining and strengthening its relations with the member-countries of ASEAN;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has made ASEAN the cornerstone of its foreign policy;

WHEREAS, the Philippines will host, in 1999, the Third ASEAN Informal Summit and its related meetings;

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order that:

SECTION 1. Organization – A National Organizing Committee (ASEAN-NOC) is hereby constituted to organize the hosting of the Third ASEAN Informal Summit.

SECTION 2. Composition – The NOC shall be composed of the designated representatives of the following:

Secretary of Foreign Affairs	- Chairman
Executive Secretary	- Co-Chairman
Secretary of Trade and Industry	- Member
Secretary of Finance	- Member
Secretary of National Defense	- Member
Secretary of Interior and Local Government	- Member
Secretary of Transportation and Communication	- Member
Secretary of Tourism	- Member
Secretary of Public Works and Highways	- Member
Secretary of Budget and Management	- Member
Press Secretary	- Member
Chief of Presidential Protocol	- Member
Governor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	- Member
Chairman, Metro Manila Development Authority	- Member



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SECTION 3. Authority and Functions – The ASEAN-NOC shall have the following authority and functions:

- 2.1 Formulate and recommend a Work Program to the President within ninety (90) days from the signing of this Administrative Order;
- 2.2 Implement the work plan once approved by the President and supervise and monitor all activities in relation thereto;
- 2.3 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;
- 2.4 Negotiate and conclude agreements and contracts necessary for the attainment of the objectives of this Administrative Order, including contracts for services;
- 2.5 Create a Secretariat to be headed by a Secretary-General and assisted by Deputy Secretaries-General as deemed appropriate. The Secretariat shall be composed of sub-committees, task forces and other appropriate bodies as deemed necessary.

SECTION 3. Office – The ASEAN-NOC shall hold office at the Department of Foreign Affairs in an appropriate office to be provided by the Department.

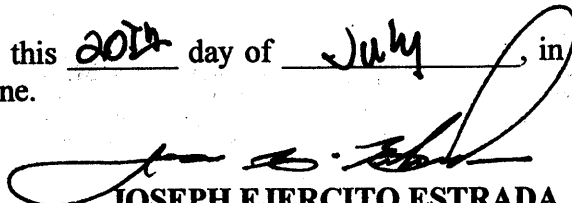
SECTION 4. Coordination with PCAAAC – The ASEAN-NOC shall coordinate with the Philippine Council on ASEAN, APEC, ASEM Cooperation (PCAAAC) which shall continue to be responsible for formulating the Philippine position in substantive issues related to ASEAN.

SECTION 5. Funding – Funding for the operating expenses of the ASEAN-NOC amounting to two million pesos (P2,000,000) shall be drawn from the International Commitments Fund.

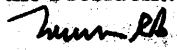
SECTION 6. Administrative Guidelines/Order – The ASEAN-NOC shall adopt such administrative guidelines or orders as may be necessary to achieve the objectives of this Administrative Order.

SECTION 7. Effectivity – This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 20th day of July, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.


JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA
President of the Republic of the Philippines

By the President:


RONALDO B. ZAMORA
Executive Secretary

