MALACAÑANG Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 19

RECONSTITUTING THE TASK FORCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PAYATAS IN QUEZON CITY

WHEREAS, on 20 October 1993, His Excellency President Fidel V. Ramos constituted a Task Force for the Development of Payatas in Quezon City, for the purpose of formulating short-term, medium-term, and long-term plans and address relevant issues, particularly, the closure of the Payatas Dump Site;

WHEREAS, a Payatas Special Area Development Framework Plan was submitted by the Task Force in January 1994 recommending an action plan that would be pursued to, among others, facilitate the closure of the Payatas Dumpsite; the redevelopment of the area to ensure that the necessary measures are taken to mitigate and safeguard against any possibilities that site may adversely affect the environment; and ensure that appropriate facilities are established for the hygienic disposal of the waste served by the site upon its closure;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the further pursuit of the activities and ensure their completion, it is necessary that the operation of the Task Force be continued;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order.

SECTION 1. RECONSTITUTION OF THE TASK FORCE. - The Task Force for the Development of Payatas in Quezon City is hereby reconstituted and shall be composed of the heads of the following Agencies:

- 1.1 Metropolitan Manila Development Authority
- 1.2 The Quezon City Government
- 1.3 The Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- 1.4 The Department of Public Works and Highways
- 1.5 The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council
- 1.6 The Presidential Task Force on Waste Management
- 1.7 The Department of Health
- 1.8 The National Housing Authority
- 1.9 The Presidential Commission on Urban Poor; and
- 2.0 Other concerned agencies, NGO's and the private sector



SEC 2. ORGANIZATION OF THE TASK FORCE. - The Task Force shall be headed by the MMDA Chairman, who is hereby authorized to constitute such Committees and Technical Working Groups as may be necessary, from among the member agencies, to facilitate the conduct of activities and ensure the prompt completion of the tasks assigned to the Task Force.

SEC 3. TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. - The tasks and activities of the Task Force shall continue to be in pursuit of the goals and objectives specified under Administrative Order No. 92 Series of 1993, PROVIDED THAT, emphasis shall be given to the implementation of the proposed action programs under the framework plan. The Presidential Task Force on Waste Management and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority shall jointly provide the necessary technical and administrative support to the Task Force.

SEC 4. TIMETABLE AND BUDGET. - The Task Force is hereby given until 31 December 1998 to achieve the closure of the Payatas Dump Site. Thereafter, it shall submit its detailed program for the other corollary measures for the improvement and mitigation at the site.

There is no additional budget outlay appropriated on account of the reconstitution of the Task Force. The Chairman and its member-agencies shall perform their respective activities as part of their normal and relevant functions without additional compensation for their designated representatives.

SEC 5. EFFECTIVITY. - This Administrative Order shall take effect upon approval.

Done in the City of Manila, this day of Japanese, 1998 in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

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By the President:

RONALDO B. ZAMORA Executive Secretary

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