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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 548

APPROVING A POLICY ON CONVERGENCE AND ITS OPERATIONALIZATION THROUGH THE COORDINATED ACTION OF THE AGENCIES' TECHNICAL ACTION OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the Social Reform Agenda (SRA) is implemented along both a sectoral focus and a geographical focus to maximize both government resources and the Flagship Programs' impact;

WHEREAS, the geographical focus involves the implementation and localization of the Social Reform Agenda and its Flagship Programs in the nineteen (19) priority provinces;

WHEREAS, there is a need to further define the government's specific focal points within these nineteen (19) priority provinces to effect a convergence of interventions and services that will bring about the desired maximum impact of the SRA Flagship Programs;

WHEREAS, the convergence of interventions and services may be fully coordinated at the technical level by the Technical Working Group composed of representatives of the Social Reform Agenda Flagship Champions.

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 declare the adoption of the following policies on Convergence of Flagship Programs and Projects:

SECTION 1. Convergence shall be defined as the focusing of resources, services and interventions by Social Reform Agenda Flagship Programs and other agencies/entities on specific target families and communities;

SEC. 2. All Flagship Programs, where deemed appropriate, shall address the needs of the Basic Sectors in the following convergent areas especially in the nineteen (19) provinces and other priority geographic areas:

- a Farmers and landless agricultural workers in Agrarian Reform Communities (ARCs);

- b. Fisherfolk in priority bays and lakes of the Department of Agriculture;
- c. Indigenous peoples within areas covered by Certificates of Ancestral Domain Claims (CADCs);
- d. Urban poor and workers in the informal sector in urban areas, resettlement sites and growth centers;
- e. Victims of disasters in resettlement sites; and,
- f. Basic Sectors within the Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (CIDSS) areas.

SEC. 3. The Minimum Basic Needs (MBN) approach to improved quality of life shall be adopted as the strategy for convergence.

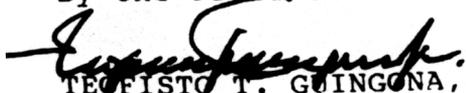
SEC. 4. The process of convergence shall provide for multi-level, multi-sectoral and interagency coordination and consultation.

The Flagship Champions and concerned heads of government agencies shall instruct their respective Technical Action Officers to coordinate in the implementation of this policy of convergence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this ¹⁴6th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Five.



By the President

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 Executive Secretary
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