

# MALACAÑANG

Manila

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 168

REPEALING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1587 ENTITLED "INSTITUTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1978".

WHEREAS, on June 11, 1978, former President Ferdinand E. Marcos signed Presidential Decree No. 1587, entitled "Instituting the Administrative Code of 1978";

WHEREAS, the said Decree was never implemented as it was not officially released upon orders of the former President;

WHEREAS, the same Decree is among the unpublished Decrees in the Official Gazette;

WHEREAS, most of the provisions of that Decree pertain to the organizational structure and functions of the government which have now become obsolete, and hence it is imperative that the Decree be repealed;

WHEREAS, under Article 2 of the New Civil Code, and the ruling of the Supreme Court in the case of Tañada, et al. vs. Tavera, et al. (G.R. No. L-63915, Dec. 29, 1986), laws must be published in the Official Gazette as a condition or prerequisite for their effectivity; and

WHEREAS, although Presidential Decree No. 1587, being an unpublished Decree, may be deemed to be without legal force and effect under the aforesaid judicial ruling, it is, however, still necessary to expressly repeal it, so as to obviate any misconception as to its validity and to ensure that it will not be given life by publication in the Official Gazette.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Presidential Decree No. 1587, entitled "Instituting Administrative Code of 1978," is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

*Arroyo to request*

By the President

*[Signature]*  
JOSE P. ARROYO  
Executive Secretary

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*Notary 5/24/87*