

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

MEMORANDUM ORDER No. 359

AMENDING MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 357 CREATING AN INTER-
AGENCY COMMITTEE TO SETTLE
FISHERY DISPUTES THAT MAY
ARISE INVOLVING FOREIGN FISH-
ING VESSELS IN THE SOUTH
CHINA SEA.

Memorandum Order No. 357, dated May 6,
1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

In order to arrive at a just solution to the fishery disputes that have frequently arisen involving foreign fishing vessels and their crews—particularly those occurring in between the Bashi and Balintang channels and off the Batanes Islands in the South China Sea, an Inter-Agency Committee to be known as the **SOUTH CHINA SEA FISHERY DISPUTES COMMITTEE** is hereby organized for such purpose as follows:

Chairman—Representative of the Office
of the President

Vice-Chairman—Representative of the
Department of Justice

Members—One Representative each from
the Department of Foreign Affairs, the
Department of National Defense, the
Department of Agriculture, the Office
of the Press Secretary, the Philippine
Navy, the Bureau of Immigration and
Deportation, and the Philippine Coast
Guard.

The Committee shall try to effect, as much
as possible, an amicable settlement of all
fishery disputes that may arise in the above-
described area—in accordance with Philip-
pine laws, the United Nations Law of the
Sea Convention and other international
agreements to which the Philippines is a
signatory as well as the generally accepted
principles of International Law.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect
immediately.

By authority of the President:

(Sgd.) MARIANO SARMIENTO II
Deputy Executive Secretary

Manila, May 8, 1991