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SPECIAL ORDER

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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE FOOD BALANCE SHEET FOR
WORLD BANK TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

In view of the instruction of His Excellency and concurrent Secretary of Agriculture to develop a comprehensive and dynamic Food Balance Sheet (FBS) for key priority agricultural commodities, a Technical Working Group is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:

Lead	:	MERCEDITA A. SOMBILLA Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and Regulations
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The Technical Working Group shall be responsible for the following:

- 1) Identify the key priority commodities to be included in the Food Balance Sheet;
- 2) Review platforms and identify existing databases to serve as starting point for data gathering, refinement, and harmonization (i.e., Food Demand and Supply Outlook, FAOStat, Philippine Statistics Authority Food Balance Sheets and OpenSTAT, PRISM);
- 3) Prepare timeline of activities (preparatory to submission of proposal) indicating the activities, documents/requirements, and schedule;
- 4) Formulate concept note on the development of a comprehensive food balance sheet and submit to the World Bank for technical assistance;
- 5) Coordinate with the concerned offices and conduct consultation and workshops with the World Bank Technical Team;
- 6) Perform other tasks as needed.

All expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the activities for the development of FBS shall be chargeable against their respective offices' funds, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 4th day of April 2023.

DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN
Senior Undersecretary



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