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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. ¹⁵⁴

CREATING THE NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE ASIA AND PACIFIC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN PRE-PARATION FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly, through Resolution 47192, decided to convene a World Summit for Social Development at the level of heads of State or Government to be held in 1995;

WHEREAS, the Philippines supports the convening of the World Summit for Social Development as an effort to develop an integrated global response to the universal human aspirations for peace, progress, and justice;

WHEREAS, the Philippines believes that the preparatory process for the Summit and the Summit itself will provide a valuable opportunity to promote a better understanding of the core issues to be addressed by the summit, namely: 1) the enhancement of social integration, particularly of the more disadvantaged and marginalized groups; 2) alleviation and reduction of poverty; and 3) expansion of productive employment, as well as an opportunity to identify the most appropriate policy responses, at the national, regional and international levels;

WHEREAS, the Philippines offered during the last General Assembly Session to host the Asian Regional Meeting on Social Development, preparatory to the World Summit,

WHEREAS, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) has approved the proposal of the Philippines to host the Meeting, which enables the Philippine Government to undertake such preparations as are necessary to ensure the successful holding of the conference in Manila in 1994;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create the National Organizing Committee for the Asia and Pacific Ministerial Conference in Preparation for the World Summit for Social Development, hereinafter referred to as the Committee.

The Committee shall be Chaired by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Vice-chairpersons shall be drawn from the Department of Social Welfare and Development and from the Department of Foreign Affairs. The members of the committee shall be the heads of the following agencies:

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Office of the President Presidential Management Staff Office of the Press Secretary Department of Budget and Management Department of Tourism - Philippine Convention and Visitors Corporation Department of the Interior and Local Government Department of Transportation and Communications Department of Public Works and Highways Department of Education, Culture and Sports Department of Labor and Employment Department of Health The Presidential Commission to Fight Poverty The Presidential Commission on Countryside Development **Congress of the Philippines** National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women National Council on Social Development One representative from the Indegenous Community One adviser who shall be appointed by the President The Department Secretaries and Executive Director of the members of the Committee may designate their respective permanent representatives to the Committee in case of their inability to personally participate in the work of the Committee.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following agencies/organizations:

Office of the President National Economic and Development Authority Department of Social Welfare and Development Department of Foreign Affairs National Council for Social Development Department of Budget and Management Department of Education, Culture and Sports Department of Health Philippine Airlines

The Executive Committee is empowered to create other necessary Subcommittees and to call upon all other government, non-government and private agencies and individuals concerned to assist the Committee in its tasks.

Such amounts as may be necessary for the operation of the Committee, its Secretariat and Sub-Committees, and the holding of the conference shall be included in the International Commitments Fund portion of the FY-1994 budget.

This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 29th day of Jaturery in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

By the President:

UINGONA. JR. **Executive Secretary**

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