

DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 18 TO 24, 2003 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS "UNITED NATIONS WEEK";

PROCLAMATION NO. 483, October 06, 2003

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WHEREAS, the Philippines, a founding member of the United Nations, remains committed to the principles of the United Nations Charter;

WHEREAS, the Philippines staunchly supports the resolutions and continuing actions of the United Nations to advance world peace and security, protect the dignity, worth and right of the human person, promote social progress, and attain sustainable development;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has consistently needed the call of the United Nations General Assembly in Resolution 168 (II) dated October 31, 1947 for nations to commemorate the Anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Charter as a way of making known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations, and of gaining support for the work of the United Nations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from October 18 to 24, 2003 and every year thereafter as "United Nations Week" in the Philippines, celebrating the anniversary of the United Nations and marking the Philippines' observance of specific international year themes as proclaimed by the United Nations.

Section 1. The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) is hereby designated as the lead agency to plan, organize, oversee, and implement, in coordination with other departments and agencies, as well as with the United Nations offices and agencies based in the Philippines, appropriate events and activities in observance and celebration of the United Nations Week in the Philippines.

Sec. 2. All other departments and agencies of government, including local government units, shall extend their full support and assistance to the DFA in the fulfillment of its mandate.

Sec. 3. The DFA shall enlist the support and cooperation of relevant private sector and non-government organizations for a meaningful observance of United Nations Week.

Sec. 4. Effectivity. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately.

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

DONE in the City of Manila, this 6th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

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