

DIRECTING THE NATIONAL AMNESTY COMMISSION TO CONDUCT VERIFICATION, PROCESSING, AND DETERMINATION OF THE LIST OF RAM-SFP-YOU MEMBERS WHO ARE TO BE GRANTED AMNESTY UNDER PROCLAMAT...

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 299, May 17, 1996

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the General Agreement for Peace dated October 13, 1995, signed between the Government Panel Negotiating with the Military Rebels (GRP Panel) and the Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa-Soldiers of the Filipino People-Young Officers' Union (RAM-SFP-YOU), the Government issued Proclamation No. 723 for members of the RAM-SFP-YOU who are included in a list to be mutually agreed upon by both parties to the agreement;

WHEREAS, pending congressional concurrence, there is a need to ascertain that those to be covered by the grant of amnesty are bona fide military rebels and qualified therefor;

WHEREAS, the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) is the agency to which the power to grant amnesty has been delegated under the terms of Proclamation No. 347 dated March 25, 1994;

NOW, THEREFORE, I FIDEL V. RAMOS, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The National Amnesty Commission (NAC) is hereby directed to conduct the verification, processing, and final determination, within sixty (60) days from issuance of this Executive Order, of the qualifications of the persons included in the list of RAM-SFP-YOU members and supporters who shall be covered by the grant of amnesty under Proclamation No. 723.

SECTION 2. The NAC shall promulgate the rules and regulations to implement the mandate of the foregoing section, subject to the following guidelines:

- a. Pursuant to the terms of the Supplemental Agreement to the General Agreement on Peace, and in consideration of the Preliminary Agreement dated December 23, 1992, in which both the Government and the RAM-SFP-YOU expressly agreed to a complete cessation of hostilities, no act or crime committed during the period from December 24, 1992 to October 13, 1995 shall be covered by the grant of amnesty.
- b. The GRP Panel shall be responsible for ensuring that the list of RAM-SFP-YOU members to be granted amnesty is mutually agreed upon by the Government and the RAM-SFP-YOU.
- c. The list of qualified members of the RAM-SFP-YOU shall state the acts/crimes which are the basis of the grant of amnesty.

SECTION 3. The GRP Panel, the Department of Justice, Department of National Defense, Department of Interior and Local Government, and all other government agencies, are hereby required to coordinate with and assist the NAC in the accomplishment of the foregoing function.

SECTION 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 17 May 1996

(SGD.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) RUBEN D. TORRES

Executive Secretary

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