# CREATING A NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATION-WIDE OBSERVANCE AND PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD IN 1979

*EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 485, May 27, 1977*

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WHEREAS, the Philippines views with deep concern the situation of children in Asia where eighty percent of human poverty exists and half of the world's population lives;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is in full accord with the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on the International Year of the Child adopted at the 106th plenary meeting on 21 December 1976;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation 1604-A dated 10 December 1976 directs the Filipino people to observe the Decade of the Filipino Child for the years 1977-1987 and includes therein in the Philippine participation in the International Year of the Child in 1979; and

WHEREAS, it is of importance that the observance of said International Year of the Child be efficiently organized and that all agencies, governmental and non-governmental, should cooperate and coordinate with one another to ensure its success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of the National Steering Committee for the International Year of the Child in 1979, composed as follows:

Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos

Honorary Chairman

Dr. Estefania Aldaba-Lim

Chairman

Dr. Clemente S. Gatmaitan

Co-Chairman

Members:

Secretary Juan L. Manuel

Dr. Onofre D. Corpuz

Undersecretary Manuel Collantes

Dr. Jaime C. Laya

Ambassador Leandro I. Verceles

Dr. Fe del Mundo

Dr. Leticia Perez de Guzman

The National Steering Committee is hereby directed to prepare the guidelines and national blueprint for the observance of the International Year of the Child and is hereby empowered to call on any agency or instrumentality of the Government to assist in the discharge of its duties and responsibilities, as well as to designate such officials it may require for the purpose.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 27th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(SGD.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant


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