

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 1978 TO 1982 AND PROMULGATING A TEN-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 1978 TO 1987 AND A LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN ...

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1200, September 21, 1977

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WHEREAS, following extensive public hearings in the national, regional and sectoral levels on a proposed Five-Year Social and Economic Development Plan for 1978 to 1982, a Ten-Year Development Plan for 1978 to 1987 and a Long-Term Development Plan up to the year 2000, the drafts of the aforesaid Plans were submitted for consideration to the Batasang Bayan during its session on August 27, 1977;

WHEREAS, after due deliberation thereon, the Batasang Bayan in its Resolution No.68, dated August 27, 1977, resolved to give the National Government through the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) a vote of confidence to finalize the above-mentioned Plans and to recommend to the President the approval thereof provided that the Plans should place continued emphasis on self-reliance in basic needs, rural development and agrarian reform, expansion of industry including tourism, accelerated investments in economic and social infrastructure projects such as power, transport, irrigation and water supply, communication, education, hospital and health care, housing and other forms of social services and, in general on improving the quality of life of the people;

WHEREAS, the Plans have been finalized and their substantive thrust follows the guidelines indicated by the Batasang Bayan, in that particular attention has devoted to rural development, self-reliance, national resource management, environment sanitation and, above all, social justice;

WHEREAS, the Cabinet Committee created to prepare, review and evaluate the draft plans has accordingly recommended the approval of the same, during its meeting on September 15, 1977;

WHEREAS, it is also essential to imbue the Plans with the flexibility necessary to meet unexpected developments arising from the present uncertain condition of the world economy and to designate the institutional mechanism to effectuate that flexibility in the Plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Batasang Bayan duly assembled as representative of the people, do hereby order and decree:

SECTION 1. Approval and Adoption of Five-Year Philippine Development Plan.—The draft Five-Year Social and Economic Development Plan for 1978 to 1982 prepared and finalized by the National Government through the Cabinet Committee created to prepare, review and evaluate the Plans and the NEDA pursuant to the recommendation of the Batasang Bayan in its Resolution No. 68 dated August 27, 1977 is hereby approved and adopted as the Five-Year Philippine Development Plan for 1978 to 1982.

SEC. 2. Government activities to conform with Five-Year Plan.—All developmental activities of the National

Government including the preparation of the national budget, regional development councils in the preparation of regional development plans local governments in the preparation of local plans, and government-owned and controlled corporations in the preparation of their plans and investment programs, shall conform and be in accordance with the Five-Year Philippine Development Plan for 1978 to 1982. The heads of departments, chiefs of bureaus, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the government, the governing boards and managing heads of the government-owned and controlled corporations, the members of regional development councils and governing boards and managing heads of regional development authorities and the members of the governing councils and boards and the executive heads of local governments including the barangays are hereby charged with the responsibility and empowered to see to it that the conduct and activities of their respective organization are in accordance with the above mentioned Five-Year Plan.

SEC. 3. Authority of the Secretary of Economic Planning.—The Secretary of Economic Planning, as Director General of the NEDA, shall have the authority to act, for and on behalf of and upon consultation with the President, on all matters, including coordination of plan implementation, creation of inter-agency committees, issuance of circulars and orders and promulgation of rules and regulations, pertaining to the implementation of the Five-Year Plan.

SEC. 4. Adoption and Promulgation of the Ten-Year Development Plan for 1978 to 1987 and Long-Term Development Plan up to the Year 2000.—Pursuant to the recommendation of the Batasang Bayan in its Resolution No. 68, dated August 27, 1977, the Ten-Year Development Plan for 1978-1987 and the Long-Term Development Plan up to the year 2000 finalized by the NEDA are hereby adopted and promulgated. These plans shall serve as guidelines to subsequent five-year and other plans of the government.

SEC. 5. Flexibility in the Plans.—In order that the Plans can adequately respond and cope with sudden developments in the domestic and world economy, the Director-General of the NEDA shall conduct regular periodic review and appraisal of the Plans and make recommendations thereon to the President; Provided, that, changes or amendments in any of the Plans or any aspect or part thereof shall not be made unless approved by the President. A yearly report of the Director General on the accomplishments of the economy should include the performance of the Five-Year Plan.

SEC. 6. Private Sector Involvement in Plan 57 Implementation.—Businesses, industries and all other concerns in the private sector are hereby enjoined to take heed of the Plans herein approved, adopted and promulgated and, as far as practicable in light of their respective objectives, to align or coordinate their activities therewith.

SEC. 7. Effectivity of Decree.—This decree shall take effect on January 1, 1978.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21st day of September in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

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