

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE No. 1772, January 15, 1981**]

AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1416

WHEREAS, it is the policy to promote simplicity, economy, and efficiency in the government to enable it to pursue programs consistent with national goals for accelerated social and economic development, and to improve upon the services of the government in the transaction of the public business;

WHEREAS, rapidly changing conditions, both locally and abroad, call for prompt and responsive organizational flexibility in government;

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines has been given continuing authority to reorganize the National Government under Presidential Decree No. 1416;

WHEREAS, it would be desirable to further clarify and elaborate upon the scope and nature of the exercise of such authority, including relevant guidelines and standards;

WHEREAS, for these reasons it would be necessary to accordingly amend Presidential Decree No. 1416;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION 1. Paragraph 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1416 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"1. The President of the Philippines shall have continuing authority to reorganize the National Government. In exercising this authority, the President shall be guided by generally acceptable principles of good government and responsive national development, including but not limited to the following guidelines for a more efficient, effective, economical and development-oriented governmental framework:

- (a) More effective planning, implementation, and review functions;
- (b) Greater decentralization and responsiveness in the decision-making process;
- (c) Further minimization, if not elimination, of duplication or overlapping of purposes, functions, activities, and programs;
- (d) Further development of as standardized as possible ministerial, sub-ministerial and corporate organizational structures;
- (e) Further development of the regionalization process; and
- (f) Further rationalization of the functions of and administrative relationship among government entities.

"For purposes of this Decree, the coverage of the continuing authority of the President to reorganize shall be interpreted to encompass all agencies, entities, instrumentalities, and units of the National Government, including all government-owned or controlled corporations, as well as the entire range of the powers, functions, authorities, administrative relationships, and related aspects pertaining to these agencies, entities, instrumentalities, and units."