

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1444, June 11, 1978**]

FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 15, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 179, ENTITLED "CREATING THE CULTURAL CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, to enable the Cultural Center of the Philippines to carry out the objectives for which it was created by Presidential Decree No. 15 dated October 5, 1972, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 179 dated April 26, 1973, it has been vested with appropriate powers and prerogatives; and

WHEREAS, for a more effective exercise of such powers and prerogatives, it is imperative that such be expanded and clearly defined;

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 decree:

SECTION 1. Paragraph (a), Section 2 of Presidential Decree No. 15, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 179, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) To construct, establish and maintain a national theater, a national music hall, an art gallery and such other buildings and facilities as are necessary or desirable for the holding of conferences, seminars, concerts and the like;"

and a new paragraph is hereby added to said Section 2 of the same Decree, to be known as paragraph (f), which shall read as follows:

"(f) To bring into the country foreign artists whenever in the opinion of the Center, performance by such artists would enhance the country's cultural developments."

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the same Decree is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. Nature.—The corporation hereby created shall be a non-municipal public corporation. Its property, real and personal, shall belong to and be managed exclusively by the corporation for the benefit of the Filipino people. Any income that may be derived from its projects and operations and any contributions it may receive shall be invested in a Cultural Development Fund set up to attain the objectives of this Act, or utilized for such purposes as its governing board may decide upon, consistent with the purposes herein provided. It shall enjoy autonomy of policy and operation but may seek the assistance and operation of various government offices in the pursuit of its objectives including the detail to the Center of officials and employees of other offices on full-time or part-time basis. Said officials and employees may receive honoraria, allowances and other emoluments which the Center may grant, provided that they are in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 985 and other laws, rules and regulations applicable to honoraria and allowances to government employees."