

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1493, June 11, 1978]

INCREASING THE SALARIES OF MINISTERS IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, there has been a continuous increase in the salaries of the Career Executive Service Officials to maximize efficiency and to enable them to cope with increasing costs of living;

WHEREAS, the salary of each Member of the Interim Batasang Pambansa is P60,000 per annum pursuant to Section 8 (1), Article VIII of the New Constitution;

WHEREAS, the present salary of a Minister in the Executive Branch of the National Government in the amount of P50,000 per annum is no longer realistic as each Minister is not only performing the functions of his Ministry but also legislative functions as Member of the Batasang Pambansa;

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 the following:

SECTION 1. The salary of each Member of the Cabinet in the Executive Branch of the National Government or position of equivalent rank as may be declared by the Prime Minister is hereby fixed at seventy-five thousand pesos (P75,000.00) per annum.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated such sums as may be necessary to pay the salary increase provided for in Section 1 hereof.

SEC. 3. This Decree shall take effect on June 11, 1978.

Done in the City of Manila, this 11th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

**(Sgd.) FERDINAND E.
MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the Prime Minister:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Assistant

