

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1407, June 08, 1978**]

RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CONCERNING THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION AND ITS REGIONAL SECRETARIAT AT MANILA, PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, the World Tourism Organization is an international inter-governmental technical body dealing in all aspects of tourism;

WHEREAS, the World Tourism Organization has for its fundamental aim the promotion and development of tourism with a view to contributing to economic development, international understanding, peace, prosperity, and universal respect for, and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion;

WHEREAS, the World Tourism Organization, in pursuing this aim, shall pay particular attention to the interests of the developing countries in the field of tourism;

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines is a charter member of the World Tourism Organization;

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines was chosen by the World Tourism Organization as the site of its Regional Secretariat for East Asia and the Pacific;

WHEREAS, the establishment of the World Tourism Organization Regional Secretariat for East Asia and the Pacific will directly stimulate the development of the tourism industry in the country as well as the countries in the region and will further enhance the emergence of the Philippines in the international tourism scene.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081 dated September 21, 1972, do hereby ratify, adopt and make as part of the law of the land the Agreement made and entered into by the Republic of the Philippines, represented by the Honorable Secretary of Tourism, and the World Tourism Organization, represented by its Secretary-General, on January 30, 1978 in the City of Manila, Philippines.

Done in the City of Manila, this 8th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

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

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE