

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 82, December 18, 1972]

CALLING ON THE DELEGATES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO CONDUCT AN INFORMATION CAMPAIGN ON THE PROPOSED MEW CONSTITUTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it is important that the delegates to the Constitutional Convention conduct an information drive on the proposed new Constitution, which they have approved, in order to afford our people the opportunity to be more enlightened on its various features;

WHEREAS, it is equally important that the Constitutional Convention wind up its affairs not later than January 31, 1973; and

WHEREAS, for these purposes, it is necessary that the Government extend all assistance possible to the Constitutional Convention;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President 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, and General Order No. 1 dated September 22, 1972, do hereby decree:

1. The Constitutional Convention shall wind up its affairs not later than January 31, 1973.
2. The Constitutional Convention delegates shall conduct, pursuant to the Executive Memorandum of the Constitutional Convention President Diosdado Macapagal, dated December 2, 1972, an information campaign on the Constitution throughout the country.
3. The amount of Three Million Four Hundred Thousand Pesos (P3,400,000) is hereby appropriated for the above-mentioned purposes.
4. The funds reverted to the National Treasury appropriated under Republic Acts Nos. 6132, 6490 and 6427, intended for the Constitutional Convention, as well as the unreleased portion of the funds appropriated under Republic Act No. 6427 and Presidential Decree No. 14, dated October 5, 1972, are also hereby appropriated for the same purpose.

In this connection, the Budget Commission is hereby ordered to release the aforesaid amounts immediately to the Constitutional Convention: *Provided, however*, That the funds intended for the information drive of the Constitutional Convention delegates shall be expended only upon the approval of the Chairman of the Constitutional Convention Ratification Coordinating Committee in such a manner as will effectively carry out the objectives of the information drive as herein stated.

This Decree is hereby made part of the law of the land and shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 18th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-two.