[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 253, November 25, 1991]

DESIGNATING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION TO HEAD THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE HOSTING OF THE 30th WORLD CHESS OLYMPIAD TO BE HELD IN MANILA FROM JUNE 6 TO 25, 1992

WHEREAS, the period from 1990 to 2000 was declared as the "Decade of Physical Fitness and Sports" under Presidential Proclamation No. 406;

WHEREAS, under Section 7 (c) of Republic Act No. 6847, the Philippine Sports Commission is mandated to "plan and oversee a program to enable the Philippines to bid for and to host the Olympic Games at the earliest possible time";

WHEREAS, the Presidential Board of the Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE) in its meeting in Brussels, Belguim, on March 23 to 24, 1991, the Philippines bid and won the right to host the 30th World Chess Olympiad in Manila from June 6 to 25, 1992;

WHEREAS, the full support and cooperation of all concerned is vital to ensure the success of the 30th World Chess Olympiad;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct the Philippine Sports Commission to head the organizing committee to be known as the FIDE Olympiad Congress Manila (FOCMAN '92) and oversee the hosting of the 30th World Chess Olympiad to be held at the Philippine International Convention Centre (PICC) in Manila from June 6 to 25, 1992;

All Heads of Departments, Offices, Agencies, Local Governments, and Instrumentalities of the government are hereby directed to support the 1992 30th World Chess Olympiad in Manila which will be participated in by FIDE members from 128 countries.

Non-Governmental Organizations, National Sports Associations, particularly the Philippine Chess Federation (PCF), and the Private Sector are hereby requested to lend their cooperation to the Philippine Sports Commission and the FOCMAN '92 for the success of the first World Chess Olympiad in the Philippines.

This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety one.