

[**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 231, March 20, 1995**]

**CREATING THE PRESIDENTIAL FACT-FINDING AND POLICY
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON THE PROTECTION OF OVERSEAS
FILIPINOS**

WHEREAS, recent events have evoked the nation's serious concern for and recognition of overseas Filipinos;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Philippine Government to be firmly committed to the protection of overseas Filipinos;

WHEREAS, certain claims and assertions as well as accusations have been made against some officials of the Philippine Government in connection with its efforts to protect overseas Filipinos;

WHEREAS, there is a need to determine with utmost certainty the circumstances surrounding recent events involving the policies and actions of government in relation to the protection of overseas Filipinos; and

WHEREAS, much can be learned from instances in which such policies and actions of government have succeeded and from those which did not lead to the desired results.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. **The Presidential Commission.** – There is hereby created a Presidential Fact-Finding and Policy Advisory Commission on the Protection of Overseas Filipinos, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. The Commission shall immediately begin its work once it is constituted and shall accomplish its objectives within three (3) months thereof, after which, unless otherwise ordered by the President, the Commission shall be dissolved.

Section 2. **Composition.** – The Commission shall be composed of a Chairman and six (6) members to be appointed by the President, as follows:

2.1. A retired Justice of the Supreme Court as Chairman;

2.2. Two (2) members to represent overseas contract workers and organized labor, respectively;

2.3. One (1) member to represent employers;

2.4. One (1) member to represent the Department of Social Welfare and Development;

2.5. One (1) member to represent the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women; and