

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 154, January 27, 1994]

**CREATING THE NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE
ASIA AND PACIFIC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN
PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly, through Resolution 47192, decided to convene a World Summit for Social Development at the level of heads of State or Government to be held in 1995;

WHEREAS, the Philippines supports the convening of the World Summit for Social Development as an effort to develop an integrated global response to the universal human aspirations for peace, progress, and justice;

WHEREAS, the Philippines believes that the preparatory process for the Summit and the Summit itself will provide a valuable opportunity to promote a better understanding of the core issues to be addressed by the summit, namely: 1) the enhancement of social integration, particularly groups; 2) alleviation and reduction of poverty; and 3) expansion of productive employment, as well as an opportunity to identify the most appropriate policy responses, at the national, regional and international levels;

WHEREAS, the Philippines offered during the last General Assembly Session to host the Asian Regional Meeting on Social Development, preparatory to the World Summit,

WHEREAS, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) has approved the proposal of the Philippines to host the Meeting, which enables the Philippine Government to undertake such preparations as are necessary to ensure the successful holding of the conference in Manila in 1994;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create the National Organizing Committee for the Asia and Pacific Ministerial Conference in Preparation for the World Summit for Social Development, hereinafter referred to as the Committee.

The Committee shall be chaired by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Vice-chairpersons shall be drawn from the Department of Social Welfare and Development and from the Department of Foreign Affairs. The member of the Committee shall be the heads of the following agencies:

Office of the President

Presidential Management Staff

Office of the Press Secretary