

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 177, May 16, 1994 ]**

**ESTABLISHING THE WORLD EXPO 2002 PHILIPPINES  
COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Government envisions that by the year 2002, the Philippines shall be moving towards becoming a newly-industrialized country;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Government further envisions that by the year 2010, through the approved 20-Year Tourism Master Plan, five million foreign nationals shall have visited the country;

**WHEREAS**, the private sector has organized the World Expo 2002 Philippines Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the "Foundation") for planning, implementing, operationalizing and managing the hosting by the country of the World Expo 2002;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Government, with the end in view of achieving its aforementioned visions, should support the initiatives of the Foundation in hosting the World Expo 2002; and,

**WHEREAS**, the hosting of World Expo 2002 would substantially increase the country's foreign exchange earnings, tourist arrivals, and trade investment opportunities, generate domestic employment, hasten the development of tourist destinations, accelerate infrastructure improvement, and heighten world awareness of the history and culture of the Filipino people;

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

**SECTION 1. World Expo 2002 Philippines Commission.** A World Expo 2002 Philippines Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") is hereby established under the Office of the President, to be composed as follows:

- a. Secretary of Trade and Industry – Chairman
- b. Chairman, World Expo 2002 Philippine Foundation – Co-Chairman
- c. A representative each from the Office of the President, the Departments of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Budget and Management, Tourism, Public Works and Highways, Transportation and Communications, and the National Economic and Development Authority – Members
- d. Chairman, Bases Conversion and Development Authority – Member

- e. President, Clark Development Corporation – Member
- f. Chairman, National Centennial Commission – Member
- g. General Manager, Philippine Tourism Authority – Member
- h. Commissioner General, World Expo 2002 Philippines Commission – Member

The Commission shall have four (4) private sector representatives, two (2) of whom are the President, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and President, Philippine Airlines. The other two (2) private sector representatives shall be designated by the President.

The Commission shall also have representatives from the Local Government Units, who shall host the World Expo as may be determined by the Commission. The Local Government Unit representatives shall also be designated by the President.

The Executive Secretary shall designate the permanent and alternate representatives from the Office of the President and the Departments.

**SEC. 2. Functions of the Commission.** The Commission shall be an advisory body to the President and shall exercise the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. Act as the coordinating body between the private sector and various government agencies to ensure that all directives subsequently issued to the said agencies for the planning, operationalization and management of the World Expo 2002 shall be implemented;
- b. Prepare the criteria for the site and recommend to the President the appropriate site for the World Expo 2002;
- c. Select the theme and theme message of the World Expo 2002 as may be acceptable to the Bureau of International Expositions:
- d. Conduct drives and campaigns to secure and raise funds for use in the planning of World Expo 2002 subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations;
- e. Accept or receive donations and other conveyances by gratuitous title of funds, materials and services for use in the planning, operationalization, and management of the World Expo 2002 subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations;
- f. Prepare the Master Plan for the World Expo 2002;
- g. Ensure that the Master Plan for the World Expo 2002 shall harmonize with the construction plans of the National Government, the National Centennial Commission, the private sector, and the local government units to be affected;
- h. Undertake all other measures necessary for the successful implementation of the said Master Plan;