

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 616, August 21, 1980]

**CREATING A NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION
WITH THE NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCE OF THE PHILIPPINE
PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED
PERSONS IN 1981**

WHEREAS, it is established policy of the Philippine Government to facilitate the speedy rehabilitation of disabled persons for the purpose of minimizing economic loss or injury to their families, to themselves, and to the Nation;

WHEREAS, on the above premise, the Philippines is in full accord with the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on the International Year of Disabled Persons adopted at its thirty first session on December 16, 1976;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 1996 dated August 21, 1980 directs the Filipino people to observe and participate in the International Year of Disabled Persons in 1981; and

WHEREAS, it is of importance that the observance of said International Year of Disabled Persons be efficiently organized, planned, coordinated and implemented and that all agencies, governmental and non-governmental, should cooperate with one another to ensure its success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of the National Steering Committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons in 1981, composed of as follows:

Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos Honorary Chairman

Mrs. Julita C. Benedicto Chairman

Members:

Minister of Human Settlements

Minister of the Budget

Minister of Public Works

Minister of Local Governments

Minister of Education and Culture

Minister of Labor and Employment