

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 563, October 12, 1979 ]**

**AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 129, ENTITLED "PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING OFFICIAL TRAVEL ABROAD OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT BOTH NATIONAL AND LOCAL, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND PRESCRIBING RATES OF ALLOWANCES AND OTHER EXPENSES THEREFOR"**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 129 establishes the rules and regulations governing official travel abroad of officers and employees of the Government both national and local, including government owned or controlled corporations;

WHEREAS, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in the pursuit of the goals and objectives of his Ministry, directs and authorizes official travels abroad of officers and employees of the Foreign Service who are already abroad to undertake a mission or attend an International Conference or meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order:

Sec. 1. Section 14, Title II of Executive Order No. 129 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 14. Approval of the President. – All official travels abroad other than those embraced in Title I shall be subject to the approval of the President of the Philippines. Heads of departments and chiefs of Bureaus, offices and agencies are hereby enjoined to purpose or recommend only those trips which are urgent and extremely necessary, will involve the minimum in expenditure, and expected to bring immediate benefit to the country, Travels and assignments under this Title shall include the following purposes.

(a) To attend conferences or seminars sponsored by foreign governments or international government organizations to which the Philippine Government is committed or invited to send representatives or participants;

(b) To attend conferences or seminars sponsored by private organizations, whether international or not, invitations to which have been sent through their respective governments to the Philippine Government;

(c) To conduct examination or investigation of Philippine Government agencies or affairs;

(d) To undertake any other official mission which cannot be assigned to any other Philippine Government official or officials already abroad.