

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 485, May 27, 1977 ]**

**CREATING A NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE NATION-WIDE OBSERVANCE AND PHILIPPINE  
PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD  
IN 1979**

WHEREAS, the Philippines views with deep concern the situation of children in Asia where eighty percent of human poverty exists and half of the world's population lives;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is in full accord with the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on the International Year of the Child adopted at the 106th plenary meeting on 21 December 1976;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation 1604-A dated 10 December 1976 directs the Filipino people to observe the Decade of the Filipino Child for the years 1977-1987 and includes therein in the Philippine participation in the International Year of the Child in 1979; and

WHEREAS, it is of importance that the observance of said International Year of the Child be efficiently organized and that all agencies, governmental and non-governmental, should cooperate and coordinate 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 the Child in 1979, composed as follows:

Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos

Honorary Chairman  
Dr. Estefania Aldaba-Lim

Chairman  
Dr. Clemente S. Gatmaitan

Co-Chairman  
Members:  
Secretary Juan L. Manuel  
Dr. Onofre D. Corpuz  
Undersecretary Manuel Collantes  
Dr. Jaime C. Laya  
Ambassador Leandro I. Verceles  
Dr. Fe del Mundo  
Dr. Leticia Perez de Guzman