

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 237, June 16, 1970]

CREATING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM INDUSTRIES

WHEREAS, small and medium industries play a vital role in economic development;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Government to assist and protect the interest of small and medium industries, to encourage and develop their actual and potential capacities, to safeguard their stable growth and to secure their development;

WHEREAS, the creation of a viable small and medium industries sector which can operate efficiently and compete effectively in domestic and foreign markets requires an ad interim agency to exclusively attend to, advise and assist in the various problem areas faced by small and medium entrepreneurs until such time that a permanent body is created for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the findings of the U.P. Institute for Small-Scale Industries positively indicate that small and medium industries are beset with serious financial difficulties and other problems such as technological know-how, general management and manpower development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a National Council for Small and Medium Industries which shall be composed of the following:

The Chairman of the National Economic Council	Chairman
Director, U.P. Institute for Small Scale and Medium Industries	Action Officer
The Secretary of Commerce and Industry	Member
Chairman, Board of Governors, Development Bank of the Philippines	Member
President, Philippine National Bank	Member
General Manager, Government Service Insurance System	Member
Administrator, Social Security System	Member
Representative, Filipino Chamber of Small Industries	Member
Representative, Philippine Chamber of Industries	Member

SEC. 1. Functions and Duties. – The Council shall have the following functions and duties:

a) To make studies on and integrate all proposed measures relative to the promotion