

[PROCLAMATION NO. 139, March 23, 1955]

**MAKING PUBLIC THE SOUTHEAST ASIA COLLECTIVE DEFENSE
TREATY AND THE PROTOCOL THERETO SIGNED AT MANILA ON
SEPTEMBER 8, 1954**

WHEREAS, the Southeast Asia Collective Defense Treaty and the Protocol thereto were concluded and signed by the respective plenipotentiaries of the Governments of Australia, France, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, the Kingdom of Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America at Manila on the 8th day of September, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four;

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines by its Resolution No. 32, adopted on February 14, 1955, concurred in the making by the President of the Philippines of the said Treaty and Protocol, in accordance with the Constitution of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, all the signatory States have already ratified and deposited their respective instruments of ratification of the said Treaty and the Protocol thereto, the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand having made its deposit on December 2, 1954, and those of Australia, France, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, on February 19, 1955;

WHEREAS, it is stipulated in the said Treaty that it shall enter into force between the States which have ratified it as soon as the instruments of ratification of a majority of the signatories shall have been deposited with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, and shall come into effect with respect to each other State on the date of the deposit of each instrument of ratification with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, the said Treaty and the Protocol thereto entered into full force and effect on February 19, 1955, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., Standard Time 120 East Meridian.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Republic of the Philippines, have caused the said Treaty and the Protocol thereto, a certified copy of which is hereto attached, to be made public to the end that the same and every article and clause thereof may be observed and fulfilled with good faith by the Republic of the Philippines and the citizens thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila this 23rd day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the ninth.

RAMON MAGSAYSAY
President of the Philippines