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CALL TO ORDER

At 9:47 a.m., the President of the Constitutional Commission, the Honorable Cecilia Muñoz Palma, called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

The National Anthem was sung followed by a prayer led by Mr. Lugum L. Uka, to wit:

Bismillah Ir Rahman Ir Rahim.

Most Merciful and Compassionate Almighty God, who guides the destinies of men and nations, we, the forty-eight members of the Constitutional Commission of 1986 humbly ask You to guide us on the right path. Grant us the wisdom to enable us to draft a constitution that will bring about real democracy, unity, love, brotherhood, peace and prosperity among our people, Christians, Muslims and tribal communities alike.

Instill in us the noble belief expressed in all Your Holy Books that all mankind regardless of race, color or creed are but one single nation — one big family, founded by Adam and Eve whom You have created as mankind's common ancestors.

Fill our hearts, Almighty God, with the message of brotherhood, love and unity which You commanded Your Holy Messengers or Prophets to preach to every creature and which Moses, Jesus and Muhammad did.

Make us more tolerant, kind, forgiving and peaceful so that peace, love and prosperity for all mankind shall prevail throughout the world.

Hasten, Oh Lord, the dawn of that new day when all nations will sing together in perfect unison, "Peace on earth, goodwill to all men".

Amen.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General of the Commission called the Roll and the following Members responded:

Aquino, F. S. Bennagen, P. L.

Azcuna, A. Bernas, J. G.
S.

Bacani, T. C. Rosario Braid, F.

Calderon, J. Regalado, F. D.

D.
 De Castro, C. M. Rigos, C. A.
 Colayco, J. C. Rodrigo, F. A.
 Concepcion, R. R. Romulo, R. J.
 Davide, H. G. Rosales, D. R.
 Foz, V. B. Sarmiento, R. V.
 Guingona, S. V. C. Sumulong, L. M.
 Jamir, A. M. K. Tadeo, J. S. L.
 Lerum, E. R. Tan, C.
 Monsod, C. S. Tingson, G. J.
 Nolledo, J. N. Treñas, E. B.
 Padilla, A. B. Uka, L. L.
 Muñoz Palma, C. Villacorta, W. V.
 Quesada, M. L. M. Villegas, B. M.
 Rama, N. G.

With 35 Members present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

The following Members appeared after the Roll Call:

Abubakar, Y. R. Maambong, R. E.
 Alonto, A. D. Natividad, T. C.
 Bengzon, J. F. S. Nieva, M. T. F.
 Brocka, L. O. Ople, B. F.
 Garcia, E. G. De los Reyes, R. F.
 Gascon, J. L. M. C. Suarez, J. E.
 Laurel, J. B.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Mr. Calderon, there being no objection, the reading of the Journal of the previous session was dispensed with and the said Journal was approved by the Body.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Calderon, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the

Reference of Business.

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES OF COMMUNICATIONS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the titles of the following Communications which were, in turn, referred by the Chair to the Committees hereunder indicated:

Communication No. 385 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Q. Rebuena Hodreal for the *Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas* submitting its position favoring the Filipinization and structuring of broadcast media to discourage monopolies and cross-media ownership provided that radio and television be treated as one single medium separate from either print or cinema

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 386 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Mr. Sergio Z. Esmilla, Jr. of the University of the Philippines College of Music and one thousand seven hundred fifty others, seeking the inclusion of a provision obliging the state to protect the life of the unborn from the moment of conception

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 387 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter signed by Dr. Miraflor G. Parpan and six others from the Kalinga-Isneg Self-Rule and Self-Determination Movement (KISSM), Province of Kalinga-Apayao, opposing the creation of an Autonomous Cordillera as proposed by the Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA)/Cordillera Bodong Association (CBA) because both spring from the CPP/NPA's which seek to control the Cordillera Region into a consolidated secured base of the NPA communist ideology operations in the Luzon area

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Communication No. 388 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Lorenzo M. Tañada, former Senator of the Philippines, saying that the foreign bases in our country must go and our foreign policy makers must be so mandated by the Constitution

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 389 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Alexis V. Pardo for the GSIS Lawyers' Guild proposing the transfer of the compensation planning function of the Ministry of the Budget to the Civil Service Commission, representation of government employees in the CSC, strengthening of the security of tenure clause,

and the government employees' right to self-organization for the purpose of collective bargaining

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSIONS AND AGENCIES

Communication No. 390 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Clem. Manalo Leaño of the GSIS requesting the inclusion of a provision that government properties classified as immovable and real estate properties sold and conveyed to private and juridical entities shall be subject to escheat proceedings

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 391 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Ramon A. Tagle, Jr. of the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, submitting a resolution passed by its National Office, proposing the inclusion of provisions providing for the strengthening of the family as a basic social institution, recognizing the sacredness and inviolability of human life, and condemning abortion in all forms

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 392 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Manuel A. Sanico of 4107 Corregidor-Pitogo, Makati, Metro Manila, proposing a provision providing for the award of homelots to the poor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Communication No. 393 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Teofilo C. Ramos, Sr. of the Iglesia ni Cristo, stating that the Iglesia ni Cristo is unequivocally for the retention of the phrase "the separation of church and state" in Section 15, Article XV of the 1973 Constitution and attaching a copy of the editorial of July-August 1986 issue of the PASUGO

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 394 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Ben Rafols and one hundred seventy-four others of United Students for a Better Central, Central Philippine University, Iloilo City, proposing that the State should not only recognize but *affirm* the vital role of the youth in nation building and that the State shall also promote respect for human rights

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 395 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Mr. Herman R. Juatas for Philippine Unemployed Labor Association, proposing a transitory provision constituting the Constitutional Commission of 1986 as an interim legislature for the purpose of enacting measures designed to counter problems of unemployment and poverty

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Communication No. 396 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Resolution No. 44, series of 1986, of the Sangguniang Bayan of Biliran, Subprovince of Biliran, Leyte, suggesting a provision making the Subprovince of Biliran a regular province

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Communication No. 397 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from the Honorable Commissioner Ambrosio B. Padilla, transmitting a letter of Mr. Bienvenido A. Castillo of 50 McKinley, Pulilan, Bulacan, opposing the creation of autonomous governments for Cordillera and Mindanao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Communication No. 398 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Sr. Mary Clemencia Flora, RGS, for the Rural Missionaries of the Philippines, supporting the Program for Genuine Land Reform proposed by the Kilusang Magbubukid sa Pilipinas (KMP)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Communication No. 399 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Lunaz El Mismo, 264 N. Burlington Avenue, Los Angeles, California, proposing a six-year term for the President and Vice-President, English as a national language, dual citizenship for Filipino Americans, and the retention of US military bases, among others

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 400 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Rene S. Santiago, proposing a provision that would set a time limit on the life of government agencies and corporations

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 401 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Pablo U. Ibe of Philippine National Bank, Macabebe Branch, Pampanga, proposing a six-year term for the President and Vice-