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Saturday, September 6, 1986

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:48 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. Cirilo A. Rigos, to wit:

"Almighty God, whose nature is love and whose will is for us to work together in harmony, as we pause before Thy Holy Presence, impart unto us the blessings of eternity. Enable us to rise above the tumults of our time, and make us instruments of Thy peace. Keep us humble in the thought that what we hold to be true may be tainted by some error, and that the error of our neighbors may yet contain some elements of truth.

May our work today contribute to the rebuilding of a nation on-the foundation of justice and freedom; Inspire us to serve with utmost dedication so that in the process, we may be saved from pride or cynicism and from every thought of self-glorification.

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen."

ROLL CALL

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

Bacani, T. C.	Padilla, A. B.
Bennagen, P. L.	Muñoz Palma, C.
Bernas, J. G.	Rama, N. G.
Rosario Braid, F.	Regalado, F. D.
Calderon, J. D.	De los Reyes, R. F.
De Castro, C. M.	Rigos, C. A.
Colayco, J. C.	Rodrigo, F. A.
Davide, H. G.	Sarmiento, R. V.
Foz, V. B.	Suarez, J. E.
Gascon, J. L. M. C.	Sumulong, L. M.
Guingona, S. V. C.	Tan, C.
Jamir, A. M. K.	Tingson, G. J.
Laurel, J. B.	Uka, L. L.
Monsod, C.S.	Villacorta, W. V.
Nieva, M. T. F.	

With 29 Members present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

The following Members appeared after the Roll Call:

Alonto, A. D.	Natividad, T. C.
Aquino, F. S.	Nolledo, J. N.
Azcuna, A. S.	Ople, B. F.
Bengzon, J. F. S.	Quesada, M. L. M.
Concepcion, R. R.	Tadeo, J. S. L.
Garcia, E. G.	Treñas, E. B.
Lerum, E. R.	Villegas, B. M.
Maambong, R. E.	

Messrs. Abubakar and Romulo were absent.

Mr. Rosales was sick.

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 with the correction, at the instance of Mr. Bacani on page 1121, line 5 of the paragraph captioned "Inquiry of Mr. Bacani", to insert the word NOT between the words "would" and "mean" so that the sentence would read: "Mr. Villacorta replied that the non-inclusion would NOT mean exclusion".

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. 734 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Celso A. Landicho, transmitting a resolution of the Sangguniang Bayan of Mataas na Kahoy, Batangas, opposing the abolition of the death penalty

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP, BILL OF RIGHTS, POLITICAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Communication No. 735 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from eighty-six (86) members of the faculty, staff and students of Convention Baptist Bible College, Bakyas, Bacolod City, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution a provision on the inviolability of the separation of Church and State

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 736 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Cirilo M. Vera Cruz, Catholic Action Center Building, Naga City, appealing to the Constitutional Commission for the inclusion in the Constitution of a provision on the right to life and the protection of the fetus in the mother's womb

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

Communication No. 737 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from sixty (60) members of the Campus Crusade for Christ, Quezon City, submitting a resolution defending the freedom of belief, upholding the time-honored principle of separation of Church and State, and opposing mandatory religious instruction in public schools

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 738 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Ms. Rita Macasaet Eala and one hundred ninety-nine (199) signatories of San Pablo College, San Pablo City, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution 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. 739 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication signed by three thousand seventy-four (3,074) concerned citizens from various parts of the country, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution 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. 740 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from the members of Capitol Alliance Church, Temple of God, Foursquare Gospel Church, United Methodist Church, Isulan Christian Center, all of Isulan, Sultan Kudarat, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution a provision that the separation of Church and State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially in the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 741 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from thirty (30) signatories of Oroquieta City, seeking inclusion in the Constitution 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. 742 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from seventy-two (72) concerned residents of Merville Park, Parañaque, Metro Manila, expressing strong support for the approval of Proposed Resolution No. 727, entitled: "Resolution to incorporate in the new Constitution a separate article on the protection and promotion of the rights of the family"

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

Communication No. 743 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from seventy-four (74) officers and members of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, F. Torres St., Davao City, P.O. Box 416, appealing to the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution a provision that the separation of Church and State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially in the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 744 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from members of the Bureau of Technical and Vocational Education, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Palacio del Gobernador Bldg., Intramuros, Manila, requesting inclusion of a section on technical and vocational education to wit: "The State, in partnership with the industrial and business sectors, shall establish, maintain and support an integrated and coordinated system of technical and vocational education and training for the secondary to tertiary levels for more effective human resource development and utilization"

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

Communication No. 745 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from sixty-four (64) officers and members of the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches, Cagayan de Oro City, appealing to the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution a provision that the separation of the Church and State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially in the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 746 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from the Consistory and Members of the Pulupandan Christian Reformed Church, Pulupandan, Negros Occidental, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution the provision that the separation of the Church and the State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially in the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 747 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Rosevelinda E. Calingasan, President of Holy Face Organization, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution a provision mandating 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. 748 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Pastor Camilo Napila and eighty-five (85) concerned Christians of the Tulong Evangelical Church, Tulong, Urdaneta, Pangasinan, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution the provision that the separation of Church and State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 749 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Ms. Norma B. Dychangco, District Deputy, Daughters of Mary Immaculate, San Pablo City, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution 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. 750 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Ms. Ma. Aurora J. Felipe of FILIPINA-Kilusan ng Kababaihang Pilipino, 12 Pasaje de la Paz, Project 4, Quezon City, transmitting a Statement of Common Position and Concern signed by fourteen (14) signatories urging withdrawal of the proposal to adopt in the Constitution the provision on "the right to life from the first moment of conception"

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

Communication No. 751 — Constitutional Commission of 1986