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CREATING THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION

WHEREAS, it is generally accepted that "the population problem must be recognized as a principal element in long-range national planning if governments are to achieve their economic goals and fulfill the aspirations of their people;"

WHEREAS, the growth rate of the Philippine population, now estimated at well over three per cent annually, one of the highest in the world, is adversely affecting economic growth;

WHEREAS, it has been a long-felt need to ascertain the influence of rapidly increasing population on the capacity of the economy to provide the minimum of public services to the people; and

WHEREAS, it has been recognized that continuing study on this problem is necessary to provide policy-makers with adequate information for the formulation and implementation of policies and programs on population as it affects economic and social 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 Commission on Population with the following functions and duties:

1. Undertake, promote, and publish studies and investigations on the Philippine population in all its aspects;
2. Assemble and disseminate technical and scientific information relating to medical, social, economic and cultural phenomena as these affect or are affected by population;
3. Formulate policy and program recommendations on population as it relates to economic and social development;
4. Formulate research and study programs and projects and assign these to such individuals or organizations as the Commission may deem appropriate;
5. Perform such other duties as proper authorities may from time to time direct the Commission to undertake.

The Commission on Population shall be composed of the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Social Welfare, the Chairman of the National Economic Council, the President of the University of the Philippines, the President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, the President of the National