

[MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 287, July 05, 1995]

**DIRECTING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEGED OPERATION
OF SEX TOURS IN THE COUNTRY BY FOREIGN NATIONALS**

WHEREAS, the participants in the recent Conference on Sexual Exploitation that met in Quezon City had examined the alleged involvement of foreigners in sex trafficking and prostitution of Filipino women and children, particularly in Angeles City;

WHEREAS, certain foreign nationals allegedly own and operate numerous bars and hotels which cater to foreigners on sex tours in the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need to protect the Filipino women and children from this social menace and to curb the sexual trafficking of foreigners in the country;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to strengthen the ethical, and spiritual values of victims of said sex tours and to devise viable economic alternative to wean them away from prostitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct the following government agencies, to wit:

1. The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to coordinate efforts with the foreign Governments concerned to curtail these nefarious activities of foreign nationals in the country.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development - to extend all possible assistance to victims of sexual trafficking and prostitution and their eventual rehabilitation.
3. All concerned Local Government Units (LGUs) - to exercise their authority/power to clamp down on prostitution within their jurisdiction and to close establishments being used in sex tours or as fronts of prostitution.
4. The Philippine National Police (PNP) - to immediately investigate and apprehend any Filipino and/or foreign nationals involved in said sex tours.

Adopted: 05 July 1995

(SGD.) FIDEL V. RAMOS
President

By the President:

(SGD.) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary