

**[ PROCLAMATION NO. 260, February 16, 1956 ]**

**MAKING PUBLIC THE GENEVA CONVENTION FOR THE  
AMELIORATION OF THE CONDITION OF THE WOUNDED AND  
SICK IN ARMED FORCES IN THE FIELD OF AUGUST 12, 1949**

WHEREAS, the Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field of August 12, 1949, was signed by the authorized representatives of the Philippines and of other countries;

WHEREAS, Article 2 of the Convention provides that in addition to the provisions which shall be implemented in peace time, the present Convention shall apply to all cases of declared war or of any other armed conflict which may arise between two or more of the High Contracting Parties, even if the state of war is not recognized by one of them and also apply to all cases of partial or total occupation of the territories of a High Contracting Party, even if the said occupation meets with no armed resistance;

WHEREAS, the present Convention replaces the Conventions of August 22, 1864, July 6, 1906, and July 27, 1929, in relations between the High Contracting Parties;

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Congress of the Philippines, by its Resolution No. 20 adopted on May 16, 1950, concurred in the ratification of the aforesaid Convention in accordance with the Constitution of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the instrument of ratification of the Republic of the Philippines was signed by the President on December 22, 1950, and received on March 7, 1951 for deposit with the Swiss Government; and,

WHEREAS, the said Convention entered for the Philippines six months after the said deposit of its instrument of ratification, in accordance with Article 58 thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, do hereby proclaim and make public the said Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field of August 12, 1949, a copy of which is hereto attached, 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 to be affixed the seal of the Republic of the Philippines.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 16th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the tenth.

RAMON MAGSAYSAY  
*President of the Philippines*