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CALL TO ORDER

At 9:41 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. Joaquin G. Bernas, to wit:

Hesus na Aking Kapatid

Hesus na aking kapatid, sa lupa nami'y bumalik: Iyong mukha'y ibang iba, hindi kita nakikilala. Tulutan Mong aking mata mamulat sa katotohanan: Ikaw, Poon, makikilala sa taong mapagkumbaba.

Hesus na aking kapatid, putikin man ang 'yong sapin, Punit-punit ang 'yong damit, nawa ika'y mapasaakin. Ikaw, Hesus na aking kapatid, sa bukid ka nagtatanim, O sa palengke din naman, ikaw ay naghahanapbuhay.

Walang sinuman ang nabubuhay para sa sarili lamang; Walang sinuman ang namamatay para sa sarili lamang.

Tayong lahat ay may pananagutan sa isa't isa. Tayong lahat ay tinipon ng Diyos na kapiling Niya.

Sa ating pagmamahalan at paglilingkod sa kanino man, Tayo ay nagdadala ng balita ng kaligtasan."

Hesus na aking kapatid, tulutan mong aking mata mamulat sa katotohanan: Ikaw, Poon, makikilala sa taong mapagkumbaba.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

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

Alonto, A. D. Calderon, J. D.

Azcuna, A. De Castro, C. M.
S.

Bacani, T. C. Colayco, J. C.

Bengzon, J. Concepcion, R. R.

F. S.	
Bennagen, P.	Davide, H. G.
L.	
Bernas, J. G.	Foz, V. B.
Rosario	Gascon, J. L. M. C.
Braid, F.	
Jamir, A. M.	Rigos, C. A.
K.	
Laurel, J. B.	Rodrigo, F. A.
Maambong,	Romulo, R. J.
R. E.	
Monsod, C.	Rosales, D. R.
S.	
Natividad, T.	Suarez, J. E.
C.	
Nieva, M. T.	Sumulong, L. M.
F.	
Nolledo, J.	Tadeo, J. S. L.
N.	
Padilla, A. B.	Tan, C.
Muñoz	Tingson, G. J.
Palma, C.	
Quesada, M.	Treñas, E. B.
L. M.	
Rama, N. G.	Uka, L. L.
Regalado, F.	Villacorta, W. V.
D.	
De los	Villegas, B. M.
Reyes, R. F.	

With 40 Members present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

The following Members appeared after the Roll Call:

A.M.

Abubakar, Y. R.	Lerum, E. R.
Aquino, F. S.	Ople, B. F.
Brocka, L. O.	Sarmiento,
	R. V.
Garcia, E. G.	

Mr. Guingona was absent.

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. 452 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication signed by Atty. Ramon Tagle, Executive Director, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines and nine others, proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Proposed Resolution No. 531, attaching thereto the registration list of participants in the meeting of non-governmental organizations involved in the Philippine population program

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 453 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communications from the Philippine Nurses Association; Adolescent Center, Dagupan City; Philippine Association of the Deaf, Inc.; Kapatiran-Kaunlaran Foundation, Inc.; Integrated Midwives Association of the Philippines, Inc.; NORFIL Foundation, Inc.; and all Nations Women's Group signed by MB. Florida R. Martinez, and seven others, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution provisions for the protection of Filipino children, youth and mothers

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

Communication No. 454 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Atty. Leandro P. Garcia, 9th Floor, Strata 100 Building, Emerald Avenue, Pasig, Metro Manila, submitting, for the consideration of the Constitutional Commission, a summary or analysis of a personal survey of public opinion on vital issues before the Constitutional Commission

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 455 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Ms. Ledelina A. Cruz of 105 Evangelista Street, Santolan, Pasig, Metro Manila, and one hundred thirty-eight others with their respective addresses, urging the Constitutional Commission not to include in the Constitution the United States Military Bases issue

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 456 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication signed by Ms. Carol Doria of Quezon City and thirty-two others, mostly from Metropolitan Manila, seeking a constitutional provision giving the Legislature the power to regulate foreign investments

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Communication No. 457 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Ms. Isabel Oriol, c/o Oriol Marble Works, Tels. 833-7254/831-09-06 and eighty-two others, urging the Constitutional Commission to favor the retention of the U.S. military bases in the Philippines after 1991 and give President Aquino the opportunity to re-negotiate for better terms and conditions favorable to the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 458 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from the Women's Health Care Foundation, Inc., 1589 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, signed by its Executive Director, Florence M. Tadiar, submitting, for the consideration of the Constitutional Commission, a "Statement on Women's Rights"

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Communication No. 459 — Constitutional Commission 1986

Letter from Mr. Hector L. Bisnar of 3 Kalamansi St., Matina, Davao City, transmitting his suggestions and proposals regarding a new Constitution of the Philippines

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 460 — Constitutional Commission 1986

Communication from Ms. Fe Samaniego of 1070 cor. Roxas-Bautista Streets, Singalong Subd., Manila, submitting for consideration of the Constitutional Commission, proposed provisions under the Declaration of Principles and State Policies, attaching thereto some printed materials related to the attainment of world peace

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

Communication No. 461 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Elly Velez Pamatong, 131 Aurora Blvd., San Juan, Metro Manila, transmitting a resolution adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee of Filipino-Canadians For Dual Citizenship, requesting the Constitutional Commission to include in the Constitution a provision allowing Filipino emigrants to retain their citizenship upon being naturalized as citizens of another country, and restoring Filipino citizenship to former Filipino

citizens who have lost it by acquiring citizenship from another country

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

Communication No. 462 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Mr. Jose Rojas and fifty-five others, urging the Constitutional Commission to leave to the Legislature regulation of foreign investments and to determine the areas where foreign investments will be welcome

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Communication No. 463 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Ms. Norhata D. M. Alonto, submitting in behalf of Abdul Khayr Alonto a position paper; entitled "Autonomy of the People"

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Communication No. 464 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Mr. Vic Felipe, Editor, Manila Hotline Magazine, Room 404, Plywood Industries Bldg., T. M. Kalaw corner Mabini Street, Ermita, Manila, submitting a proposal re: *Edukasyong Tunay na Maka-Pilipino and Ang Populasyon at ang Pambansang Kaunlaran*, requesting the revival of the real Pilipino education (ABAKADA instead of ABC); and limiting the number of children for every couple to be able to meet/provide their children's needs

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

Communication No. 465 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Ms. Marisse C. Reyes, Correspondence Secretary, Office of the President, transmitting letters from the following: Gabriel Ma. J. Lopez of 105 Kentucky Avenue, S. E., Washington D. C. 20003, proposing that Filipino citizens residing abroad be allowed to vote in national elections; Mr. Francisco L. Baligao, c/o Mr. Ely Cruz Ramirez, Radio Action, DZXL, Intramuros, Manila, proposing that the Philippine statehood issue be submitted to the people in the plebiscite for the ratification of the new Constitution; Mr. Juan L. Cabida and 75 others of Bayugan, Agusan del Sur, proposing that the Philippine statehood issue be submitted to the people in a plebiscite in the forthcoming local elections; MARILAG, proposing a change in the Agrarian Reform Code in line with capitalism and free enterprise, among others; Dumaguete Fellowship of Reconciliation, Siliman University, opposing compulsory religious instruction; and Mr. Pablo B. David of San Juan Nepomuceno, Betis, Guagua, Pampanga, proposing a Constitution that is for freedom, justice and equality, and authority of the state to put order on the first three, and saying that the power balance in this part of the world occasioned by U.S. military presence be not disturbed at this time