

# [ LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1225, April 17, 1982 ]

TO: The Minister of Human Settlements  
The Honorable Members of the National  
Environmental Protection Council  
The Minister of Foreign Affairs  
The Minister of the Budget  
The Minister of Media Affairs  
The Postmaster General

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING THE OBSERVANCE AND COMMEMORATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT AND THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

WHEREAS, the year Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two marks a very meaningful occasion for the global environment as it signals the Tenth Anniversary of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (UNCHE) first held in Stockholm, Sweden and the founding of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) both in the year Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Two;

WHEREAS, the national leadership acknowledged the historic importance of the UNCHE and UNEP as vital impetus leading to the adoption and promotion of the government's human settlements and environment program;

WHEREAS, the commemoration of this Anniversary provides a unique and timely opportunity for the Philippines to affirm the basic validity of our national policies and programs dealing on the environment as well as to manifest our continuing and unqualified support to the principles embodied in UNCHE and UNEP;

WHEREAS, the foregoing premise can be best demonstrated at the national level by launching special activities which would call attention to the importance of environmental protection and likewise encourage the participation of all sectors of the populace;

WHEREAS, as a member of the international community, the Philippines can further demonstrate its support for this movement by participating in the UNEP Session of the a Special Character and the Tenth Regular Session of the UNEP Governing Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby issue the following:

1. The Minister of Human Settlements is hereby authorized to prepare and immediately implement a series of activities which would best commemorate at the national level the Tenth Anniversary of UNCHE and UNEP with special emphasis and attention to those as could:
  - a) Encourage and solicit the participation of the various sectors of the populace including among others industry, academe, youth, and officials of the local governments;