

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1941, June 27, 1984 ]

## **RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE CREDIT INFORMATION BUREAU, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, in the wake of failures of corporate borrowers in 1981, the President of the Republic of the Philippines issued Letter of Instructions No. 1107 directing the Central Bank of the Philippines to initiate a credit information exchange system and to study the possibility of organizing, and funding the operation of, a credit bureau;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Letter of Instructions No. 1107, the Central Bank organized the Credit Information Exchange System, which now operates under the Central Bank's Department of Loans and Credit;

**WHEREAS**, on April 14, 1982, upon the instance of the Central Bank, other government agencies and the private sector, the Credit Information Bureau, Inc. was incorporated as a non-stock, non-profit corporation, to engage in the business of collating, developing and analyzing credit information on individuals, institutions and all types of business concerns; to develop and undertake the continuing exchange of credit information among its members and subscribers; to provide an impartial source of credit information for debtors, creditors and the public; and to cooperate with and assist government agencies in their credit information requirements;

**WHEREAS**, the Credit Information Exchange System and the Credit Information Bureau, Inc. as presently constituted are unable to secure credit information from government agencies and private institutions because of certain doubts regarding the legal ability of said agencies and institutions to make available to them credit information;

**WHEREAS**, the country's financial system demands the promotion and development of rational and efficient credit processes in the financial system and the economy;

**WHEREAS**, the Credit Information Bureau, Inc. is a viable credit information bureau, and a convenient and practical vehicle through which the promotion and development of efficient credit processes can be realized in the shortest possible time;

**WHEREAS**, it is advantageous and in the public interest to make legally available to the Credit Information Bureau, Inc. credit information in the possession of government and private entities, and to allow the Credit Information Bureau, Inc. to continue to fulfill and serve the purposes for its creation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby decree and order the following:

**SECTION 1.** It is hereby declared to be the national policy of the State to promote the development and maintenance of rational and efficient credit processes in the financial system, and in the economy as a whole, by providing structured mechanisms for the organized supply of information to all parties involved in credit and credit-related activities.