

**[ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1784, January 05,  
1981 ]**

**ABOLISHING THE COUNCILS FOR THE PRINT AND BROADCAST  
MEDIA CREATED UNDER LETTER OF INSTRUCTORS NO. 587 IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 576, AS  
AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1776.**

**WHEREAS**, shortly after proclamation of a state of martial law government supervision of the media of mass communication was terminated because the various sectors of mass media had proven themselves capable of self-regulation and responsible conduct;

**WHEREAS**, the councils for print and broadcast media created under Letter of Instructions No. 587 in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 576 had further raised the level of responsibility, respect for law and competence for self-regulation in the mass media;

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

**SECTION 1.** Presidential Decree No. 576, dated November 9, 1974, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1776, is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2.** The councils for print and broadcast media created under Letter of Instructions no. 587 in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 576, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1776, are hereby abolished.

**SECTION 3.** The print and broadcast media may, however in accord with their demonstrated regard for excellence and a high sense of responsibility as constant objectives, establish other self-regulatory bodies of their own in such form and with such rules and regulations as they may respectively see fit.

**SECTION 4.** This Decree shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 5th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

**(Sgd.) FERDINAND E.  
MARCOS**  
President of the Philippines

By the President:

**(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA**  
Presidential Executive  
Assistant