

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 885, February 03, 1976 ]

## OUTLAWING SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS, PENALIZING MEMBERSHIP THEREIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**WHEREAS**, there are certain associations or organizations in the Republic of the Philippines, not covered by Republic Act No. 1700, which are seeking to overthrow the Government of the Republic of the Philippines or to dismember a portion thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the people, it has become necessary to revise Republic Act No. 1700 to broaden its coverage;

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

**SECTION 1.** *Short Title*—This decree shall be known as The Revised Anti-Subversion Law.

**SEC. 2.** *Subversive Associations and Organizations.*— Any association, organization, political party, or group of persons organized for the purpose of overthrowing the Government of the Republic of the Philippines with the open or covert assistance and support of a foreign power by force, violence, deceit or other illegal means shall be considered and is hereby declared an illegal organization.

**SEC. 3.** *Penalties*—(a) *Members.*—Whoever knowingly, willfully and by overt act affiliates with, becomes or remains a member of a subversive association or organization as defined in Section 2 hereof shall be punished by *arresto mayor* and shall be disqualified permanently from holding any public office, appointive or elective, and from exercising the right to vote; in case of a second conviction, the principal penalty shall be *prision correccional*; and in all subsequent convictions the penalty of *prision mayor* shall be imposed.

The following acts shall constitute *prima facie* evidence of membership in any subversive association:

1. Allowing himself to be listed as a member in any book or any of the lists, records, correspondence, or any other document of the organization;
2. Subjecting himself to the discipline of such association or organization in any form whatsoever;
3. Giving financial contribution to such association or organization in dues, assessments, loans, or in any other forms;
4. Executing orders, plans or directives of any kind of such association or organization;
5. Acting as an agent, courier, messenger, correspondent, organizer, or in any other capacity, on behalf of such association or organization;
6. Conferring with officers or other members of such association or organization in furtherance of any plan or enterprise thereof;
7. Transmitting orders, directives, or plans of such association or organization orally or in writing or any other means of communication such as by signal, semaphore, sign or code;