

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1050, November 19, 1976]

APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Revolution of the Poor can more fully succeed with the identification and implementation of meaningful government programs and projects;

WHEREAS, full funding support must be given to priority activities identified as furthering national programs;

WHEREAS, the goal of self-reliance has been adopted for the year nineteen hundred and seventy-seven, as a major criterion in funding allocation, calling for a realignment of expenditures in favor of infrastructure and other capital outlays, and of programs of long term implication;

WHEREAS, the determination of national government expenditure levels calls for the consideration of national development targets, estimated revenues, the supportable level of domestic credit expansion, and other pertinent factors;

WHEREAS, the Batasang Bayan, in its First Session, held in September, nineteen hundred and seventy-six, passed a resolution recommending, among others, budgetary priorities, budgetary levels, and a functional allocation of expenditures;

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. *Appropriation of Funds.* The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury of the Philippines not otherwise appropriated, for the operation of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines from January one to December thirty-one, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven, except where otherwise specifically provided:

SECTION 2. *Authority to use Savings for other Purposes.* The President of the Philippines is authorized to use any savings in the appropriations provided in this Decree for the Executive Departments, for the settlement of the following obligations in the Executive Departments incurred during the budget year:

(a) Payment of gratuity or separation pay of employees who are entitled thereto under existing law or are laid off as a result of the elimination of their positions under this Decree;

(b) Payment of the share of the National Government in the salaries of national officials and employees in newly created and/or reclassified cities and provinces where no appropriations have been provided in this Decree or where the authorized appropriations are not sufficient to cover the salaries of the said officials and employees;

(c) Payment of hazard pay to officials and employees who are actually assigned to danger or strife-torn areas as may be determined by the Philippine Constabulary.

The additional compensation herein provided shall not be less than P50 nor more than P150 per month, and shall be granted to those actually performing their duties in areas of conflict and only for the duration of existence of such peril;

(d) Deficiencies in the regular appropriations for the opening of additional elementary and secondary classes;

(e) Improvement of the social and economic opportunities and such other activities intended for the welfare of the national minorities as may be undertaken by the Office of the Presidential Assistant on National Minorities;

(f) Hosting of international conferences and attendance of officials in such conferences held abroad;

(g) Rural improvements and community development, such as feeder roads, artesian wells, spring development, river and flood control, sea walls, communal irrigation, schoolhouses, wooden bridges, environmental sanitation, and other agricultural and health projects that will promote the economic well-being of the rural areas;

(h) Organization, activation, training and operation of military engineering units, including pay and allowances of all military personnel assigned thereto and for the purpose of implementing agency development projects in areas adversely affected by peace and order problems;

(i) Food production, housing, sea farming, the "blue revolution", reforestation, and other activities of similarly high priority;

(j) Payment of obligations of the National Government or any of its departments or agencies arising from perfected contracts and international agreements;

(k) Payment to the Government Service Insurance System of annual life insurance premiums of barrio captains and councilmen under R.A. No. 4898;

(l) Purchase of equipment, including motor vehicles, to replace those that may be lost through theft or robbery, accident, fire or typhoon and other natural calamities, to replace unserviceable ones condemned by the Commission on Audit, and for expansion of facilities as may be approved by the President, subject to the provisions of Letter of Implementation No. 29;

(m) Implementation of the provisions of Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972 and all Presidential Orders, Decrees and Instructions issued as a consequence of said Proclamation.

Section 3. *Transfer of Salary Savings to the Government Service Insurance System Prohibited.* The provisions of Section 7 (c) or C.A. No. 186, as amended, to the contrary notwithstanding, no savings from personal services shall be transferred to the Government Service Insurance System for payment of benefits.

Section 4. *Athletic Uniforms and Supplies.* Except as otherwise provided in this Decree, appropriations for maintenance and other operating expenses not exceeding P10,000 per annum may be used for the purchase of athletic uniforms at not more than P100 per athlete, and for supplies and necessary expenses for athletic activities, subject to Section 7-I (4) of C.A. No. 246, as amended.

SECTION 5. *Miscellaneous Expenses.* Except as otherwise provided in this Decree, heads of bureaus and offices, or organizations of equal rank, may use the appropriations for sundry expenses, for miscellaneous expenses, including official entertainment, in an amount not exceeding P3,000 per annum for each agency.

SECTION 6. *Extraordinary Expenses.* Unless otherwise provided in this Decree, a total of P15,000 is hereby authorized for extraordinary expenses of the undersecretaries of each Department or equivalent, and P3,000 each for heads of bureaus and offices, or of organizations of equal rank, chargeable against agency appropriations for maintenance and other operating expenses.

SECTION 7. *Appropriations for Rental.* The appropriations for rental or for purchase of buildings and grounds authorized under this Decree may be used for lease-purchase arrangements. Any department, bureau or office may also contract with government banking or financial institutions for loans intended for the acquisition of land or for the construction of government buildings: PROVIDED, That the concurrence of the Secretary of Finance and of the Commissioner of the Budget are obtained beforehand. The annual amortization of the loans shall be taken from the appropriations for rental authorized under this Decree for the department, bureau or office concerned.

SECTION 8. *Authority to Charge Seminar Fees.* Departments, bureaus, offices and agencies of the National Government which conduct training programs are authorized to collect seminar and conference fees from participants coming from the private sector and from other agencies, the rates of which shall be approved by the Civil Service Commission and the Budget Commission, and to use the proceeds thereof subject to the provisions of Section 7-I(4) of C.A. No. 246, as amended, to defray the costs incurred, including speakers honoraria, handouts, meals and other incidental expenses: PROVIDED, That such receipts shall be deposited with the National Treasury pursuant to P.D. No. 711.

SECTION 9. *Continuation of Privileges Granted in P. D. No. 733.* Unless otherwise provided in this Decree, the authority for per diems, honoraria, hazard or risk pay, flying pay, high differential, extra or additional compensation of unique or unusual work or depressed area assignments, allowances for quarters subsistence, laundry, uniform, or clothing privileges, scholarship grants, contracts for janitorial and security guard services, consultancy services, and other similar privileges, which were granted in P.D. No. 733, are hereby reauthorized, subject to review under the provisions of P.D. No. 985.

SECTION 10. *Membership Dues in International Organizations.* Except as otherwise provided in the appropriations for departments, bureaus and offices under this Decree, the appropriations for maintenance and other operating expenses of the agency concerned may be used for the payment of dues in international organizations, membership in which are duly approved by competent authority.

SECTION 11. *Foreign Exchange Differentials.* Except as otherwise provided in the appropriations for departments, bureaus, agencies and offices, the appropriations for maintenance and other operating expenses may be used to pay for foreign exchange differentials.

SECTION 12. *Maximum Number of Permanent Positions in an Office.* Except as otherwise provided by law, the maximum number of permanent positions in a bureau or office shall not exceed the number of permanent positions in a bureau or

office shall not exceed the number of permanent positions included in the approved staffing patterns and in the itemization of personal services or in the approved special budgets for the said Bureau or office: PROVIDED, That subject to the approval of the Commissioner of the Budget, heads of the Executive Departments are hereby authorized to utilize savings from their respective appropriations to create additional positions to implement the regionalization of their respective agencies under the Integrated Reorganization Plan or for expansion of essential services, subject to the provisions of Section 7-I (4) of C.A. No. 246, as amended.

SECTION 13. *No Salary Increase Unless Specifically Authorized.* No portion of the appropriations provided in this Decree shall be used for payment of salary increases or salary adjustments unless specifically authorized by law, decree or appropriate budget circular, nor shall any appropriation for salaries authorized in this Decree be paid except as provided for under P.D. No. 985.

SECTION 14. *Special Attorneys under P.D. No. 478.* Lawyer-personnel of departments, bureaus or offices of the National Government who are appointed as special attorneys by the Solicitor General pursuant to P.D. No. 478, are hereby authorized an allowance of P100 per appearance chargeable against the appropriations for maintenance and other operating expenses of their respective offices, but not exceeding P400 per month.

SECTION 15. *Officials Entitled to Transportation and Representation Allowances.* The following officials and those of equivalent rank are hereby granted commutable transportation and representation allowances which shall be paid from the programmed appropriations provided for their respective offices, not exceeding the rates indicated below, which shall apply for each type of allowance.

- a. At P350 per month - Secretaries of National Government Departments
- b. At P350 per month - Career Executive Service Rank I officials;
- c. At P250 each per month - Career Executive Service Rank II officials;
- d. At P200 each per month - Career Executive Service Rank III officials;
- e. At P150 each per month - Career Executive Service Rank IV officials;
- f. At P100 each per month - Career Executive Service Rank V officials and chiefs of technical divisions.

PROVIDED, That the transportation allowance herein provided shall not be granted who use government motor transportation except as may be approved by the President: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That when necessary, equivalence in rank shall be determined by the Commissioner of the Budget in coordination with the Career Executive Service Board.

SECTION 16. *Prohibition of Double Allowances or Benefits.* The provisions in the preceding section notwithstanding, officials and employees already receiving such or similar allowances or benefits granted under previous authorizations shall not be entitled to any increased transportation and/or representation allowances provided therein, unless the total of his existing allowances or benefits is less than the total of the two rates fixed in the preceding section, in which case he may be entitled only to the difference.

SECTION 17. *Consultant's Compensation.* Compensation of consultants who are hired by a department, bureau or office, when authorized in their respective appropriations in this Decree, shall be paid an amount not exceeding P12,000 per annum as the aggregate of salaries, fees, honoraria, per diems and allowances,