

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 294, September 18, 1973**]

ORGANIZING THE NATIONAL SOCIAL ACTION COUNCIL (NASAC) CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 182-A, AS AMENDED, AS A BODY CORPORATE, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDING GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE THERETO.

WHEREAS, in an ever increasing awareness of their responsibilities in social and economic development and in response to the challenge of building a New Society, the ecumenical faiths and the private sector are sharing more fully their goodwill, their efforts, and their resources with the Government of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in the pursuit of their respective developmental programs, the Government, the ecumenical faiths, and the private sector realize the need of collaboration and cooperation, while maintaining and respecting their respective roles and responsibilities;

WHEREAS, one effective means of involving and of making the citizenry co-responsible in the task of nation-building is through continuing and effective public consultations in the formulation of government development plans and policies; and

WHEREAS, it is now essential that the National Social Action Council (NASAC) as the body originally created to make such consultations with the Government possible, should acquire the juridical personality and the powers necessary for it to become fully operative in the cause of national development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and pursuant to Proclamation No, 1081, dated 21 September 1972, do hereby decree that:

SECTION 1. Executive Order No. 182-A is hereby amended by making it a body corporate, with the following major functions and powers:

1. To effect and implement the articulation, cultivation, development, and dissemination of common national goals and strategies in social and economic development among the Government, the ecumenical faiths, and the private sector;
2. To act as a national and local advisory and consultative council to Government, church and private sectors in their various programs and projects;
3. To organize national trisectoral bodies for socio-economic development so as to effect implementation, integration and coordination of projects and activities among the Government, the ecumenical faiths and the private sector in the national and local levels;
4. To implement and coordinate the undertaking of selected projects and activities in social and economic development, to achieve optimum results out of the concerted efforts and resources of the three sectors;
5. To create a common fund out of such resources as can be made available from the Government, the church and private sectors to attain the goals of this Decree. For this purpose, NASAC is hereby authorized to initiate fund campaigns and conduct benefit shows or programs and other fund raising