

[**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 223, October 13, 1995**]

CREATING A NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND A NATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE CULTURE OF PEACE

WHEREAS, the Philippines is pursuing a multi-track peace process towards the achievement of a just and lasting peace;

WHEREAS, the Philippine peace effort, as presented at the First International Forum on the Culture of Peace co-hosted by the Government of El Salvador and UNESCO, has been endorsed by UNESCO as providing valuable lessons for countries that wish to pursue peace-building efforts;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, in its desire to share its experiences and at the same time learn from countries that may be similarly situated, offered to host the Second International Forum on the Culture of Peace in cooperation with UNESCO;

WHEREAS, UNESCO has accepted the Philippine offer and has provided funds for the conduct of the said International Forum;

WHEREAS, the Second International Forum on the Culture and Peace is scheduled for 26-30 November 1995 at the Philippine International Convention Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of the National Organizing Committee. The National Organizing Committee for the Second International Forum on the Culture of Peace, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, is hereby created to prepare for and organize the International Forum.

a. **Composition.** The Committee shall be Chaired by the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) to be co-chaired by the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Education, Culture and Sports. The Committee shall have the following members:

1. National Economic and Development Authority
2. Department of Tourism - Philippine Convention and Visitors Corporation
3. Department of Interior and Local Government - Philippine National Police
4. Department of Budget and Management
5. Commission on Higher Education
6. Office of the Press Secretary
7. UNESCO National Commission