

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 318, February 08, 1972 ]**

**CREATING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS**

WHEREAS, Narcotic addiction has increasingly become a major social problem;

WHEREAS, the social malady threatens to corrupt and degrade the youth and student population, and undermine society and the economy as well;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to formulate and adopt preventive, curative, rehabilitative and developmental measures to repel and contain this social menace before it goes out of control to the detriment of our national interest and public welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a special committee on narcotics to be composed of the following:

The Secretary of Justice or his representative	Chairman
The Solicitor General or his representative	Vice Chairman
The Secretary of Health or his representative	Member
The Secretary of Education or his representative	Member
The Secretary of Social Welfare or her representative	Member
The Secretary of Finance or his representative	Member
The Commissioner of the Budget or his representative	Member
The Chief of Constabulary or his representative	Member

The Committee shall have the following functions:

1. To study ways and means of preventing and controlling the spread of narcotics addiction and the rehabilitation and treatment of drug addicts;
2. To coordinate the efforts and activities of different agencies involved in the campaign against this serious Penance, by roughly dividing its work into;
  - a) Preventive Aspect: – involving education and orientation of the youth and the community as a whole on the evils of narcotics addiction and its effective control;