

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 422, June 25, 1997]

CREATING THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS IN MANILA, 27 MAY – 4 JUNE 1998

WHEREAS, it is part of the government's policy thrusts to enhance the competitiveness of the local agricultural sector to attain food sufficiency and security, and therefore promote national growth and development;

WHEREAS, the improved competitiveness of the local agricultural sector shall likewise promote the welfare of the local agricultural producers, in particular that of the Filipino farmers and workers, and thereby advance the Social Reform Agenda of the government;

WHEREAS, the holding of the General Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP) in Manila from 27 May to 4 June 1998, which shall be participated in by the local farmer groups and agricultural producers to be led by the IFAP local affiliates, shall significantly serve the furtherance of the above policy thrust and Social Reform Agenda;

WHEREAS, the holding of the above IFAP conference in Manila is deemed part of the Department of Agriculture's program for the centennial celebration of Philippine Independence in 1998;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide an overall coordinating mechanism to ensure the orderly and productive conduct of the IFAP conference in Manila;

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

SEC. 1. *Creation of the National Committee on the General Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers.* There is hereby created a National Committee, hereafter referred to as the Committee, to ensure the orderly and productive holding of the General Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers in Manila from 27 May to 4 June 1998.

SEC. 2. *Composition.* The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Secretary, Department of Agriculture	Chairman
Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs	Co-Chairman
Head, IFAP Local Organizing Committee	Vice-Chairman
Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform	Member