

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19, September 01, 1992]

**CONSTITUTING THE NATIONAL UNIFICATION COMMISSION,
PRESCRIBING ITS AUTHORITY AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, a viable general amnesty program and peace process that will lead to a just, comprehensive and lasting peace are priority concerns of the government;

WHEREAS, to address these concerns and the problem of bringing back the rest of the rebels in our society to the folds of the law, there is need to undertake a comprehensive and participative peace process which will involve all concerned sectors of society in order to generate the collective political will to attain peace with justice;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute the National Unification Commission and prescribe its authority and functions to achieve the said objective;

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 that:

SECTION 1. ORGANIZATION. - There is hereby constituted a National Unification Commission (NUC) which shall be an advisory body to the President, to be composed of a Chairman and four members to be designated by the President, and two members each from both Houses of Congress to be designated by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively. The Commission shall have a Vice Chairman, who shall be elected by the members from among themselves.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY AND FUNCTIONS. - In pursuit of its objectives, the Commission shall have the following authority and functions:

- a. Formulate and recommend, after consulting with the concerned sectors of society, to the President within ninety (90) days from its formal organization a viable general amnesty program and peace process that will lead to a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the country;
- b. Call upon any official, agent, employee, agency or instrumentality of the national or local government for any assistance that may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Executive Order;
- c. Review and evaluate the existing National Reconciliation and Development Program (NRDP) pursuant to Executive Order No. 103 dated 24 December 1986 with the view to integrating the program into the general amnesty program and peace process;