

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 198, June 18, 1987]

**PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF NOMINATION AND
APPOINTMENT OF SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

WHEREAS, Section 5(2), Article VI of the 1987 Constitution provides, that: "The party-list representatives shall constitute twenty *per centum* of the total number of representatives including those under the party list. For three consecutive terms after the ratification of this Constitution, one-half of the seats allocated to party-list representatives shall be filled, as provided by law, by selection or election from the labor, peasant, urban poor, indigenous cultural communities, women, youth, and such other sectors as may be provided by law, except the religious sectors";

WHEREAS, Section 7, Article XVIII of the 1987 Constitution states, "Until a law is passed, the President may fill by appointment from list of nominees by the respective sectors the seats reserved for sectoral representation in paragraph (2), Section 5 of Article VI of this Constitution";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Sectoral Representatives.* – There shall be twenty-five (25) sectoral representatives to the House of Representatives.

Nine (9) sectors shall be represented in the House of Representatives, namely: (a) labor; (b) peasant; (c) urban poor; (d) indigenous cultural communities; (e) women; (f) youth; (g) veterans; (h) the elderly and (i) the disabled, whose representatives shall be appointed by the President from the nominees of their respective sectors or of a member of the sector in the manner herein provided.

SEC. 2. *Scope of the Sectors.* – The labor sector refers to the industrial labor group, which includes all non-agricultural workers and employees.

The *peasant* sector covers the agricultural group, which includes all persons who personally and physically till the land as their principal occupation, agricultural tenants and lessees, rural workers and farm employees, owner-cultivators, settlers and small fishermen.

The *urban poor* sector includes the under-privileged and homeless citizens in urban areas.

The *indigenous cultural communities* sector covers all ethnic groups and cultural communities.

The *Women* sector shall cover all women.