

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 232, July 22, 1987 ]**

**PROVIDING FOR THE STRUCTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL OF THE  
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF THE DISABLED  
PERSONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the national government recognizes its responsibility to provide disabled persons with the fullest measure of protection and assistance to help develop their abilities in all fields of endeavor and to promote their integration into the mainstream of society, as well as its primary duty for the prevention of disabilities;

WHEREAS, the national government is also cognizant of the limitations of the existing system for delivery of services to persons with disabilities and the need to extend the ranges of disability prevention and rehabilitation services;

WHEREAS, there is an increasing awareness in the government and private sectors on the problems of disability and of their joint responsibility to be involved in the national effort to seek solutions to the problems;

WHEREAS, the national leadership notes, with great concern, that in the pursuit of this responsibility, there has been a proliferation of activities and programs for the welfare of persons with disabilities by government agencies and private organizations and that lack of central direction and coordination, there is widespread overlapping and duplication of efforts, thereby resulting in the wastage of scarce resources and professional services and impairing the achievement of definite goals;

WHEREAS, the National Commission Concerning Disabled Persons was created on 11 June 1978 by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 1509 as amended;

WHEREAS, the National Commission Concerning Disabled Persons was replaced by the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons by virtue of Executive Order No. 123 dated 30 January 1987;

WHEREAS, the structural and functional reorganization of the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons is deemed necessary for effective and efficient delivery of services to persons with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the sovereign will of the Filipino people and the Constitution, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Executive Order shall otherwise be known as the Reorganization Act of the former National Commission Concerning Disabled Persons (NCCDP) now known as the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP) as provided for under Executive Order No. 123 and attached to the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - The State's paramount concern for the welfare of the disabled persons as embodied in several provisions of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines is hereby affirmed.

SEC. 3. *Objectives of the Council.* - The National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons hereinafter referred to as the "Council" shall have the following objectives:

1. To develop an integrated and comprehensive long-term National Plan for the prevention of disabilities, rehabilitation, full participation and equalization of opportunities of disabled persons.
2. To insure that essential programs and services for the welfare of persons with disabilities are adequate and accessible.
3. To provide and maintain necessary steps to ensure the rights and benefits of disabled persons at all levels to achieve fuller participation and equalization of opportunities.
4. To advocate new policies and legislations or amendments relating to disability prevention, rehabilitation, full participation and equalization of opportunities.
5. To act as a consultative forum, advisory and coordinating body to rationalize the functions and activities of agencies involved in disability prevention, rehabilitation, full participation and equalization of opportunities of disabled persons.
6. To establish, maintain and expand contact with national and international organizations concerned with persons disabilities, and to keep abreast with international standards and the latest developments in disability prevention, rehabilitation and equalization of opportunities.
7. To raise the level of public awareness on disability prevention, rehabilitation, full participation and equalization of opportunities of disabled persons through systematic information program.
8. To develop and maintain a data banking and referral system on disability prevention, rehabilitation, full participation and equalization of opportunities.

SEC. 4. *Powers and Functions of the Council.* - The Council shall have the following powers and functions:

1. Formulate policies on disability prevention and rehabilitation for the welfare of disabled persons.
2. Formulate research and development policies on health, education, labor and social welfare for disabled persons.
3. Undertake continuing researches and related studies on various topics pertaining to disability prevention, rehabilitation and equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities.

4. Formulate integrated and comprehensive long and medium term national plans on the welfare of disabled persons.
5. Establish and maintain linkages and networking with local and international organizations, including organizations of and for disabled persons.
6. Conduct program evaluation and monitoring, consultative meetings and symposia on issues related to disability prevention and rehabilitation.
7. Propose legislation and initiate advocacy programs for the welfare of disabled persons.
8. Develop a broad public information and dissemination program on disability prevention, rehabilitation, full participation and equalization of opportunities.
9. Submit periodic reports to the DSWD Secretary on the activities of the Council.
10. Establish and maintain a data bank and referral system on disability prevention, rehabilitation, full participation and equalization of opportunities.

SEC. 5. *Composition of the Council.* - The NCWDP is headed by a governing Board, the members of which are heads of representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations, and of disabled persons as well as civic and cause oriented organizations. The Board shall be composed of the following members or their duly designated representatives:

#### **Government Offices**

Department of Social Welfare and Development	-	<i>Chairman</i>
Department of Health	-	<i>Member</i>
Department of Labor and Employment	-	<i>Member</i>
Department of Education, Culture and Sports	-	<i>Member</i>
Department of National Defense	-	<i>Member</i>
Department of Agriculture	-	<i>Member</i>
National Economic and Development Authority	-	<i>Member</i>
Department of Environment and Natural Resources	-	<i>Member</i>
Department of Local Government	-	<i>Member</i>
Department of Trade and Industry	-	<i>Member</i>
Department of Public Works and	-	<i>Member</i>