

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 276, July 15, 1987]

**AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1700, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE ANTI-SUBVERSION ACT**

WHEREAS, the government and the people are aware that public safety continues to require a degree of capability on the part of the government to deal adequately with elements who persist in endeavoring to destabilize and ultimately overthrow the government by force, violence, deceit, subversion or other illegal means, and to supplant and substitute the existing political, social, economic and legal order with an entirely new one whose form of government, system of laws, concepts of individual rights and precepts are based on teaching and beliefs other than the democratic form of government;

WHEREAS, the government had exerted every effort to effect reconciliation among the rebel elements, on the one hand, and the government, on the other, but these efforts have been frustrated by the intransigence of these rebel elements who have instead intensified ambushes, raids, killings, arms snatching, illegal taxation and other terrorist activities resulting in the loss of lives and serious injuries to government officials and military/INP personnel and innocent civilians and untold hardship to the Filipino people, notable to which are the extortions perpetrated on lowly farmers and small businessmen and the spate of killing of policemen and soldiers in Metropolitan Manila and its environs by members of the Sparrow Units of the New People's Army;

WHEREAS, for the effective campaign against insurgency and criminality, it is imperative to provide strong legal measures in support of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and law-enforcement agencies;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 167 has restored to force and effect Republic Act No. 1700 as the law on subversion; and

WHEREAS, in order to effectively carry out the Government's program to adequately neutralize the threat of communist insurgency and to contain the massive liquidation and assassination of public servants and civilians, there is need to amend the provisions of Republic Act No. 1700 in order to make them practical, timely and truly efficacious;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order the amendment of Republic Act No. 1700 as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The Congress hereby declares the Communist Party of the Philippines to be an organized conspiracy to overthrow the Government