

## [ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 474, October 26, 1976 ]

### CREATING THE AGENCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE OF MUSLIMS IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government has long exerted efforts to uplift the living conditions of Muslim Filipinos as part of the over-all program of national development;

WHEREAS, the Islamic Conference, an organization of Islamic nations throughout the world, has expressed admiration and appreciation for efforts of the Philippine Government and has offered to assist in these efforts;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government welcomes such assistance and believes that maximum benefit can be obtained from it if handled by one agency exclusively charged to do so;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby create the Agency for the Development and Welfare of Muslims in the Philippines to be given primary responsibility for the disposition of any assistance extended by the Islamic Conference for the benefit of Filipino Muslims.

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		Assistant Secretary for Islamic Affairs
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Vice Chairman	–	
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		Commissioner Romulo Espaldon
Members	–	
		Region IX
		Commissioner Simeon Datumanong
		Region XII

The Agency for the Development and Welfare of Muslims in the Philippines shall be charged with the following duties and responsibilities.

1. Identify priority areas for the application of assistance from the Islamic Conference.
2. Inform Islamic Conference, through the Department of Foreign Affairs, of these priority areas and the type and extent of assistance needed.