

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 435, October 11, 1974]

**CREATING PREPARATORY COMMITTEES FOR THE THIRD
MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 77 OF THE UNITED
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
(UNCTAD)**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government has offered to host the Third Ministerial Meeting of the UNCTAD Group of 77 to be held in Manila in February 1976;

WHEREAS, the hosting of the abovementioned Meeting is beneficial to the Philippines in many ways, namely: promote cooperation among developing countries, particularly during this period when the international economic system is being reformed and heavily subjected to strains and stresses; provide the developing countries an opportunity to see first-hand the progress achieved under the New Society; promote trade and tourism; and strengthen the position of Manila as an important conference center in Asia;

WHEREAS, it is extremely important that such a meeting of considerable magnitude and importance be efficiently organized and that all agencies concerned, governmental and non-governmental, should cooperate to ensure its success:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of the following committees for the Third Ministerial Meeting of the UNCTAD Group of 77 in order that the meeting may be organized and run efficiently and bring the desired benefits to the country:

1. Committee on Conference Matters. The Committee shall be in charge of preparations for conference facilities, including the conference site. It shall be under the Chairmanship of Assistant Executive Secretary Roberto V. Reyes and Vice-Chairmanship of Ambassador Leticia R. Shahani, Assistant Secretary for United Nations Affairs and International Conferences.
2. Committee on Substantive Matters. The Committee shall be under the Chairmanship of Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Manuel Collantes and Vice-Chairmanship of Ambassador Hortencio J. Brillantes, who is hereby designated Senior Consultant thereof. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs shall establish a system of per diems and allowances for secretariat and other services.

The Chairman of each Committee is hereby empowered to request any agency of the Philippine Government to assist in the discharge of the Committees' duties and responsibilities and to appoint such personnel including consultants it may require for the purpose.

This Order shall take effect immediately.