

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 354, November 23, 1971]

**CREATING THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON ASEAN AFFAIRS
AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, upon recommendation of the Philippine Delegation which participated in the 2nd Meeting of the Permanent Committee on Commerce and Industry of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) held in Manila on April 15 to 17, 1971, do hereby create an inter-agency committee, to be known as the Inter-Agency Committee on ASEAN Affairs, composed of the following:

A representative of the Department of Foreign Affairs	Member
A representative of the Board of Investments	Member
A representative of the Tariff Commission	Member
A representative of the Department of Commerce and Industry	Member
A representative of the Central Bank of the Philippines	Member
A representative of the Development Bank of the Philippines	Member
A representative of the National Economic Council	Member
A representative of the Presidential Economic Staff	Member
A representative of the Congressional Economic Planning Office	Member

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee shall be selected by the committee members on the basis of the particular subject matter to be discussed or proposed to be undertaken.

The main function of the Committee is to formulate and recommend appropriate Philippine policies and programs of action on various areas of economic cooperation under ASEAN. It is given the authority to recommend through the Secretary of Foreign Affairs the composition of Philippine delegations to the various permanent committee meetings of ASEAN. The ASEAN National Secretariat of the Philippines under the Department of Foreign Affairs shall be given the task of convening the meetings of the Committee and providing the necessary staff support.

In order to carry out its functions, the Committee is hereby authorized to constitute