

[PROCLAMATION NO. 723, May 17, 1996]

GRANTING AMNESTY TO MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE REBOLUSYONARYONG ALYANSANG MAKABANSA - SOLDIERS OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE - YOUNG OFFICERS' UNION (RAM-SFP-YOU) WHO HAVE OR MAY HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER, VIOLATIONS OF THE ARTICLES OF WAR AND OTHER CRIMES COMMITTED IN FURTHERANCE OF POLITICAL ENDS

WHEREAS, consistent with the terms of Executive Order No. 125, series of 1993, "Defining The Approach And Administrative Structure For Government's Comprehensive Peace Efforts," the Government engaged in formal peace negotiations with the Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa — Soldiers of the Filipino People — Young Officers' Union (RAM-SFP-YOU), "for the attainment of a just, comprehensive and lasting peace under the Rule of Law and in accordance with Constitutional processes";

WHEREAS, as identified in the said Order, addressing the legal status and security of former rebels is an integral component to the successful prosecution of the comprehensive peace process; and,

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines signed a General Agreement on Peace with the RAM-SFP-YOU on 13 October 1995 which provides for, among others, the grant of amnesty to the members and supporters of the RAM-SFP-YOU as an integral part of a negotiated settlement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 19, Article VII of the Constitution, do hereby declare and proclaim:

SECTION 1. *Grant of Amnesty.* — Amnesty is hereby granted to members and supporters of the RAM-SFP-YOU whose names are included in a list that will be mutually agreed upon between the Panels of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the RAM-SFP-YOU, who, within the period of 22 February 1986 to 23 December 1992, have or may have committed crimes in pursuit of political beliefs, whether punishable under the Revised Penal Code or special laws, including but not limited to the following: rebellion or insurrection, or coup d'état; conspiracy and proposal to commit rebellion or insurrection or coup d'état; disloyalty of public officers or employees; inciting to rebellion or insurrection; sedition; conspiracy to commit sedition; inciting to sedition; illegal assembly; illegal association; direct assault; indirect assault, resistance and disobedience to a person in authority or the agents of such person; tumults and other disturbances of public order; unlawful use of means of publication and unlawful utterances; alarms and scandals; illegal possession of firearms, ammunition, or explosives committed in furtherance of, incident to, or in connection with the crimes of rebellion or insurrection; piracy;