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OPENING OF SESSION

At 10:01 a.m., the President, the Honorable Cecilia Muñoz Palma, opened the session.

THE PRESIDENT: The session is called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE PRESIDENT: Everybody will please rise to sing the National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the National Anthem.

THE PRESIDENT: Everybody will please remain standing for the Prayer to be led by the Honorable Adolfo S. Azcuna.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

MR. AZCUNA: Almighty Father, help us to remember that to think great thoughts, we must be heroes, as well as idealists; that we must learn to fix our course by a star which we have never seen; to dig by the divining rod for springs which we may never reach; and to go on working and giving it our best, sustained only by the conviction that years from now, generations yet unborn will be marching to the tempo of our thoughts. Amen.

ROLL CALL

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary-General will call the roll.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, *reading*:

Abubakar	Present [*]	Davide	Present [*]
Alonto	Present	Foz	Present
Aquino	Present [*]	Garcia	Present [*]
Azcuna	Present	Gascon	Present
Bacani	Present [*]	Guingona	Present
Bengzon	Present	Jamir	Present
Bennagen	Present [*]	Laurel	Absent
Bernas	Present	Lerum	Present
Rosario Braid	Present	Maambong	Present [*]
Calderon	Present	Monsod	Present
Castro de	Present	Natividad	Present [*]
Colayco	Present [*]	Nieva	Present
Concepcion	Present	Nolledo	Present [*]

Ople	Present	Suarez	Present [*]
Padilla	Present	Sumulong	Present
Quesada	Present	Tadeo	Present [*]
Rama	Present	Tan	Present [*]
Reyes de los	Present	Tingson	Present
Rigos	Present	Treñas	Present
Rodrigo	Present	Uka	Present
Romulo	Present	Villacorta	Present
Rosales	Absent	Villegas	Present
Sarmiento	Present		

The Secretariat is in receipt of official advice of absence of Commissioner Regalado.

The President is present.

The roll call shows 31 Members responded to the call.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

MR. CALDERON: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Assistant Floor Leader is recognized.

MR. CALDERON: I move that we dispense with the reading of the Journal of the previous session.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

MR. CALDERON: Madam President, I move that we approve the Journal of last Saturday's session.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection that we approve the Journal of the previous session? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

MR. CALDERON: Madam President, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary-General will read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary-General read the following Communications, the President making the corresponding references:

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Mr. Zacarias P. Raner, 8 Barile Street, Kabankalan, Negros Occidental, expressing his reaction against the proposal to make Tagalog/Pilipino as our national language, saying that the dominance of Tagalog, which is spoken by

around 25% of our people, has caused the alienation of the 75% of our compatriots who are non-Tagalog.

(Communication No. 949 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Letter from Atty. Rodulfo S. Rosales, Editor, The Lemuria Times, 65 V. Luna Road, cor. Maginoo St., Quezon City, expressing support for the retention of the U.S. military bases and against the policy of neutrality.

(Communication No. 950 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Preamble, National Territory, and Declaration of Principles.

Communication from Sister Carmen Balazo and nineteen (19) other members of the Association of Religious Women in Zambales, seeking the dismantling of the U.S. military bases in the Philippines.

(Communication No. 951 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Preamble, National Territory, and Declaration of Principles.

Communication from Mr. Ernesto C. Gonzalez, 669 Aurora Blvd., Quezon City, expressing opinion on the status of Filipino citizens who are "green card" holders, saying that a "green card" holder who remains to be a Filipino retains his Filipino citizenship and as such, is entitled to the rights, duties, obligations and privileges of a Filipino citizen and consequently entitled to hold public office.

(Communication No. 952 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Citizenship, Bill of Rights, Political Rights and Obligations and Human Rights.

Communication from Mr. David D. Boaz, 224 Second Street SE, Washington, D.C., transmitting a copy of the Cato Report containing an article by Dr. Paul Craig Roberts, "The Constitutional Protection of Economic Freedom," hoping that the same may be of use to the Constitutional Commission.

(Communication No. 953 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Communication from Mr. Dexter B. Bajade, transmitting Resolution No. 13, series of 1986, adopted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Agusan del Sur, expressing support to the adoption of a nationalist-oriented Philippine Constitution.

(Communication No. 954 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Communication from Ms. Erlinda Q. Martinez, transmitting Resolution No. 47-86 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Trento, Agusan del Sur, expressing support for the adoption of a truly nationalist constitution.

(Communication No. 955 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

MR. CALDERON: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Assistant Floor Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 537
(Article on the Declaration of Principles)
Continuation

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

MR. CALDERON: I move that we continue the consideration of the Article on the Declaration of Principles. We are now in the period of amendments.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The honorable chairman and members of the Committee on the Declaration of Principles will please occupy the front table so we can continue the period of amendments. For the information of the body, we will be imposing our Rules on the time to be allotted to every speaker, the three-minute rule. We will request the members of the committee or the chairman to designate who will be the one to speak for the committee, unless there are two views, in which case, there will be one for each of the minority and the majority views.

Who will be our first speaker or proponent of an amendment?

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

MR. CALDERON: Madam President, we are now in Section 10, and those who have amendments shall please see and confer with the committee chairman.

In the meantime, I move for the suspension of the session for three minutes.

THE PRESIDENT: The session is suspended.

It was 10:10 a.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 10:26 a.m., the session was resumed.

THE PRESIDENT: The session is resumed.

MR. TINGSON: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: Commissioner Tingson is recognized.

MR. TINGSON: Regarding Section 10, the committee, along with Commissioners Gascon, Monsod and Davide, is recommending the following formulation for our Declaration of Principles: "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote AND PROTECT their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. IT shall inculcate in the youth nationalism, patriotism and ENCOURAGE THEIR involvement in PUBLIC AND CIVIC SERVICE."

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any comment?

MR. DAVIDE: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: Commissioner Davide is recognized.

MR. DAVIDE: Madam President, instead of "SERVICE," may I propose "AFFAIRS" — "PUBLIC AND CIVIC AFFAIRS."

MR. TINGSON: We accept, Madam President.

MR. GASCON: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: Commissioner Gascon is recognized.

MR. GASCON: During the period of interpellations, I asked two questions with regard to the term "involvement" so that I could be clarified since I wanted to present a proposal. With regard to this, we retained the words "involvement" and "encourage THEIR involvement in PUBLIC AND CIVIC AFFAIRS." I asked Commissioner Nollado whether this implies therefore that as a principle, we should also encourage representation of the youth in affairs which affect them. Is the issue of representation of the youth and the encouragement of their participation in the affairs of the State implied, Madam President?

MS. ROSARIO BRAID: Yes, Madam President. "Involvement" would be "participation and representation" in public affairs.

MR. GASCON: So, with that assurance, I will not continue my proposal of including the word "representation." I am happy with the proposal, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any comment? Are we ready to vote?

MS. QUESADA: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: Commissioner Quesada is recognized.

MS. QUESADA: We would like to inform the body that the committee has decided to move lines 13, 14 and 15 to the Article on Family Rights. We believe that these lines are details which are more appropriate in the Article on the Family Rights:

The State shall protect children from all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation, particularly in conditions harmful to their physical, mental or moral well-being.

THE PRESIDENT: So, these will not form part anymore of Section 10?

MS. QUESADA: No more, Madam President.

MR. MONSOD: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: Commissioner Monsod is recognized.

MR. MONSOD: I have an amendment to the first paragraph of Section 10. I propose to add the words "AND PROTECT" after the word "promote."

MR. TINGSON: That was already stated, Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: Will the chairman please read again Section 10, as formulated.

MR. TINGSON: Yes, Section 10, as formulated, reads: "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote AND PROTECT their