

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 118, July 05, 1999]

PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE CULTURE OF PEACE

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a signatory to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) constitution on 21 November 1946 which mandates to build lasting peace founded on the intellectual and moral solidarity of humankind;

WHEREAS, the year 2000 has been proclaimed by the United Nations as the International Year for the Culture of Peace;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has staunchly supported the Culture of Peace Programme of UNESCO and has hosted several meetings and fora on the Culture of Peace and also created a government agency responsible for overall management of the comprehensive peace process;

WHEREAS, the establishment of the National Committee on the Culture of Peace (NCCP) will reaffirm and strengthen Philippine support for the UNESCO Culture of Peace Programme, signify the country's firm resolve to participate in the promotion of global understanding and to attain a genuine culture of peace;

WHEREAS, the creation of the NCCP is envisioned to enhance and complement culture of peace programs in the Philippines and will make a direct contribution to the building, of a culture of peace based on respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rejection of violence and all forms of discrimination, and adherence to the principles of justice and solidarity, tolerance, and understanding;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of the National Committee on the Culture of Peace. There is hereby created the National Committee on the Culture of Peace, hereinafter referred to as the NCCP.

SEC. 2. Composition. The NCCP shall be composed of the following agencies, through their duly designated representatives, not lower than the rank of Assistant Secretary or Executive Director:

Department of Foreign Affairs	Chairperson
Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process	Member
Department of Interior and Local Government	Member
Department of Education, Culture and Sports	Member
Department of Labor and Employment	Member
Department of Social Welfare and Development	Member
Commission on Human Rights	Member