

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 385, December 09, 1996]

CREATING A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

WHEREAS, the United Nations has declared 1993-2002 as the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 125 dated 15 January 1993 was issued for the nationwide observance of the Decade of Disabled Persons and to reiterate government's commitment to develop and implement programs and services for persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, R.A. 7277, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons was approved on 24 March 1992 to ensure the rehabilitation and over-all development of disabled persons and integrate them into the mainstream of society;

WHEREAS, there is need to fast-track the formulation and implementation of a comprehensive and integrated plan of action to promote the rehabilitation, self-reliance and development of persons with disabilities and undertake immediate measures to address the sector's needs, concerns, issues and problems; and

WHEREAS, there is need to create a body which shall formulate strategic interventions and provide expeditious response to address the immediate concerns of persons with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Creation of a Task Force to Address the Concerns of Persons with Disabilities. There is hereby created a Task Force to Address the Concerns of Persons with Disabilities hereinafter referred to as the "Task Force."

SEC. 2. Composition. The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

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| a. Secretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development | – Chairman |
| b. Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government | – Co-Chairman |
| c. Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment | – Member |
| d. Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry | – Member |
| e. Secretary, Department of Health | – Member |
| f. Secretary, Department of Education, Culture and Sports | – Member |