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CALL TO ORDER

At 9:35 a.m., the President of the Constitutional Commission, the Honorable Cecilia Muñoz Palma, called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

The National Anthem was sung followed by a prayer led by Mrs. Minda Luz M. Quesada, to wit:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You with contrite hearts

Be with us today and the days ahead as we resolve to finish the challenging task of drafting our new Constitution acceptable to the majority of the Filipino people, for it truly reflects their interests and welfare

We pray for our esteemed colleagues who are in the hospital — Commissioners Rosales and Treñas — and all others who are now experiencing some illnesses possibly borne out of the stress and strain of our work

Lay Your healing hands on them and strengthen us all in mind and body that we may remain whole when our task is done

We beseech You, our gracious Lord and Redeemer, to also heal the wounds and the pain resulting from conflicts, help us to be tolerant of our differences and

Help us to show our love for You and that Your love is in us not only in words but in our deeds and the lives we lead

May Your light so shine before us that people may see Your glory in us all,

These we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen."

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General of the Commission called the Roll and the following Members responded:

Alonto, A. D.
Azcona, A. S.

Nieva, M. T. F.
Nolledo, J. N.

Bacani, T. C.
Bennagen, P. L.
Bernas, J. G.
Rosario Braid, F.
Calderon, J. D. .
De Castro, C. M.
Colayco, J. C.
Davide, H. G.
Foz, V. B.
Gascon, J. L. M. C.
Guingona, S. V. C.
Jamir,

Muñoz Palma, C.
Quesada, M. L. M.
Rama, N. G.
Rigos, C. A.
Romulo, R. J
Tadeo, J. S. L.
Tan, C.
Villacorta, W. V.
Uka, L. L.
Villacorta, W. V.
Villegas, B. M.
A. M. K.

With 27 Members present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

The following Members appeared after the Roll Call:

Abubakar, Y. R.
Aquino, F. S.
Bengzon, J. F. S.
Concepcion, R. R.
Garcia, E. G.
Laurel, J. B.
Lerum, E. R.
Maambong, R. E.

Natividad, T. C.
Padilla, A. B.
De los Reyes, R. F.
Rodrigo, F. A.
Sarmiento, R. V.
Suarez, J. E.
Sumulong, L. M.

Messrs. Regalado, Rosales and Treñas were sick.

Messrs. Monsod and Ople were absent.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Mr. Calderon, there being no objection, the reading of the Journal of the previous session was dispensed with and the said Journal was approved by the Body, with the following corrections:

1) at the instance of Mr. Guingona,

a) on page 998, second column, fourth line, add "s" to "view";

on page 1001, second column, second paragraph, line 2, between
b) the words "involve" and "curriculum", insert the words AMONG OTHERS;

on page 1002, first column, second paragraph line 3, change
c) "Lacer" to LASSER; and on the eighth line thereof, change "Padre Bulan" to PADRIGUILAN; and on the ninth line thereof, change "his" to HER;

d) on page 1003, first column, line 7, change "principally" to ONLY; and

e) on the same page, second column, paragraph 2, line 2, change "Chou Shuyui" to CHIA SIOUW YUE; and

- 2) at the instance of Mr. Uka, on page 1000, second column, line 4, add "s" to "messenger".

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Calderon, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES OF COMMUNICATIONS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the titles of the following Communications which were, in turn, referred by the Chair to the Committees hereunder indicated:

Communication No. 664 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication signed by two hundred seventy-two (272) members of the Catholic Women's League of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Project 4, Quezon City, seeking inclusion in the Constitution of a provision protecting the right to life of the unborn from the moment of conception

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 665 Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from the Alliance of Concerned Teachers, 2866-C Zamora Street, Pasay City, signed by its Chairman, Mr. Raul E. Segovia, suggesting inclusion in the Constitution of a provision that "No Filipino should be barred from studying in any school for reason of religion, sex, political belief, or income"

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

Communication No. 666 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from the Catholic Women's League of the Diocese of Antipolo, Rizal, signed by its President, Judge Salome A. Montoya, informing that the Diocesan Board passed unanimously a resolution calling for full and unqualified protection of the unborn child from the very moment of conception in the mother's womb

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 667 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mayor Henry D. Relleta of the Municipality of Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte, transmitting Resolution No. 35-86, adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Jose Panganiban, appealing to the Constitutional Commission that the problem of American bases in the country be left to the incoming legislature to decide

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 668 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Telegram from the Atlantic Network Conference with participants from the Pacific, Indian Ocean and Mediterranean seeking inclusion in the new Constitution of a provision for a bases-free and nuclear-free Philippines for the sake of peace

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 669 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from the American Division Post 45, Philippine Department of American Legion, Cebu City, signed by its Post Commander, Eleno Andales, urging the retention of the American military bases in the Philippines even beyond 1991

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 670 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from the Citizens Alliance for the Constitutional Protection of the Unborn, signed by Ms. Neco de Torres, schoolteacher, and two hundred forty-two employees and students of Canossa College, San Pablo City, Laguna, seeking to include in the new Constitution a provision obliging the State to protect the life of the unborn from the moment of conception

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 671 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Laurence G. Woolcox, a Canadian who migrated to the Philippines, requesting that resident immigrants be accorded equal rights based on the principle of reciprocity, particularly in the development of the economy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Communication No. 672 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Rudolfo P. Parreno of the Parañaque Bible Christian Church, Merville Park Community Center, Merville Park Subdivision, Parañaque, Metro Manila, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution a provision that the separation of the Church and the State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially in the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 673 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Telemessage from Mr. Lupo T. Carlota, Jr., Chairman, First National Convention of Filipino-Americans in the United States, 5300 Cottonwood, Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A., urging that Constitutional Commission to include in the new Constitution a provision allowing natural-born Filipinos who have acquired citizenship of other countries to retain their Philippine citizenship

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP BILL OF RIGHTS, POLITICAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Communication No. 674 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Romeo C. Balandra of the Commission on Population, Region X, Cagayan de Oro City, transmitting a resolution of the Association of Law Students, Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro City, proposing amendments to Section 4, Article II and Section 10, Article XV of the 1973 Constitution for inclusion in the new Constitution

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

Communication No. 675 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Honorable Lino Brocka, Member, Constitutional Commission of 1986, dated August 28, 1986, informing that he has written to Her Excellency, President Corazon C. Aquino, about his irrevocable resignation from the Constitutional Commission of 1986 and requesting that the members of his staff be given their salaries until the end of the month

TO THE ARCHIVES

MANIFESTATION OF MR. RAMA

Thereafter, Mr. Rama manifested that the Body would vote, on Second Reading, on Proposed Resolution No. 539 on the Commission on Human Rights after Mr. Foz shall have presented further corrections on the clean copy which was distributed to the Members.

CORRECTIONS ON PROPOSED
RESOLUTION NO. 539
ON THE COMMISSION
ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Thereupon, on behalf of the Committee on Constitutional Commissions and Agencies, Mr. Foz proposed the following corrections on Proposed Resolution No. 539 on the Commission on Human Rights, for consideration of the Committee on Style:

- 1) On page 1, line 9, substitute the phrase "all of whom shall" with WHO MUST;
- 2) On page 2, line 1, delete the comma (,) after "guidelines" and insert the word AND;