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OPENING OF SESSION

At 9:41 a.m., the President, the Honorable Cecilia Muñoz Palma, called the session to order.

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 Joaquin G. Bernas.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

FR. BERNAS: "Hesus na aking kapatid, sa lupa nami'y bumalik:
Iyong mukha'y ibang-iba, hindi kita nakikilala.
Tulutan Mong aking mata mamulat sa katotohanan:
Ikaw, Poon, makikilala sa taong mapagkumbaba.
Hesus na aking kapatid, putikan man ang Iyong sapin,
Punit-punit ang Iyong damit, nawa Ika'y mapasaakin.
Ikaw Hesus na aking kapatid, sa bukid Ka nagtatanim,
O sa palengke rin naman, Ikaw ay naghahanapbuhay."
"Walang sinuman ang nabubuhay para sa sarili lamang;
Walang sinuman ang namamatay para sa sarili lamang.
Tayong lahat ay may pananagutan sa isa't isa.
Tayong lahat ay tinipon ng Diyos na kapiling Niya.
Sa ating pagmamahalan at paglilingkod sa kanino man,
Tayo ay nagdadala ng balita ng kaligtasan."
"Hesus na aking kapatid, tulutan Mong aking mata mamulat sa katotohanan:
Ikaw, Poon, makikilala sa taong mapagkumbaba."
Amen.

ROLL CALL

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

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, *reading*:

Abubakar

Present *

Natividad

Present

Alonto	Present	Nieva	Present
Aquino	Present *	Nolledo	Present
Azcuna	Present	Ople	Present *
Bacani	Present	Padilla	Present
Bengzon	Present	Quesada	Present
Bennagen	Present	Rama	Present
Bernas	Present	Regalado	Present
Rosario Braid	Present	Reyes de los	Present
Brocka	Present *	Rigos	Present
Calderon	Present	Rodrigo	Present
Castro de	Present	Romulo	Present
Colayco	Present	Rosales	Absent
Concepcion	Present	Sarmiento	Present *
Davide	Present	Suarez	Present
Foz	Present	Sumulong	Present
Garcia	Present *	Tadeo	Present
Gascon	Present	Tan	Present
Guingona	Absent	Tingson	Present
Jamir	Present	Treñas	Present
Laurel	Present	Uka	Present
Lerum	Present *	Villacorta	Present
Maambong	Present	Villegas	Present
Monsod	Present		

The President is present.

The roll call shows 40 Members responded to the call.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair declares the presence of 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 the previous session.

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

MR. CALDERON: Madam President, I move to 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 signed by Atty. Ramon Tagle, Executive Director, Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, and nine others, proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Proposed Resolution No. 531, attaching thereto the registration list of participants in the meeting of nongovernmental organizations involved in the Philippine population program.

(Communication No. 452 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Communications from the Philippine Nurses Association; Adolescent Center, Dagupan City; Philippine Association of the Deaf, Inc.; Kapatiran-Kaunlaran Foundation, Inc.; Integrated Midwives Association of the Philippines, Inc.; NORFIL Foundation, Inc.; and all Nations Women's Group signed by Ms. Florida R. Martinez and seven others, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution provisions for the protection of Filipino children, youth and mothers.

(Communication No. 453 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letter from Atty. Leandro P. Garcia, 9th Floor, Strata 100 Building, Emerald Avenue, Pasig, Metro Manila, submitting, for the consideration of the Constitutional Commission, a summary or analysis of a personal survey of public opinion on vital issues before the Constitutional Commission.

(Communication No. 454 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Communication from Ms. Ledelina A. Cruz of 105 Evangelista Street, Santolan, Pasig, Metro Manila, and one hundred thirty-eight others with their respective addresses, urging the Constitutional Commission not to include in the Constitution the United States Military Bases issue.

(Communication No. 455 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Communication signed by Ms. Carol Doria of Quezon City and thirty-two others, mostly from Metropolitan Manila, seeking a constitutional provision giving the legislature the power to regulate foreign investments.

(Communication No. 456 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Letter from Ms. Isabel Oriol, c/o Oriol Marble Works, Tels. 833-7254/831-0906, and eighty-two others, urging the Constitutional Commission to favor the retention of the U.S. military bases in the Philippines after 1991 and to give President Aquino the opportunity to renegotiate for better terms and conditions favorable to the Philippines.

(Communication No. 457 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Communication from the Women's Health Care Foundation, Inc., 1589 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, signed by its Executive Director, Florence M. Tadiar, submitting, for the consideration of the Constitutional Commission, a "Statement on Women's Rights."

(Communication No. 458 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Social Justice.

Letter from Mr. Hector L. Bisnar of 3 Kalamansi St., Matina, Davao City, transmitting his suggestions and proposals regarding a new Constitution of the Philippines.

(Communication No. 459 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Communication from Ms. Fe Samaniego of 1070 cor. Roxas-Bautista Streets, Singalong Subd., Manila, submitting, for consideration of the Constitutional Commission, proposed provisions under the Declaration of Principles and State Policies, attaching thereto some printed materials related to the attainment of world peace.

(Communication No. 460 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letter from Mr. Elly Velez Pamatong, 131 Aurora Blvd., San Juan, Metro Manila, transmitting a resolution adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee of Filipino-Canadians for Dual Citizenship, requesting the Constitutional Commission to include in the Constitution a provision allowing Filipino emigrants to retain their citizenship upon being naturalized as citizens of another country, and restoring Filipino citizenship to former Filipino citizens who have lost it by acquiring citizenship from another country.

(Communication No. 461 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Human Rights.

Communication from Mr. Jose Rojas and fifty-five others, urging the Constitutional Commission to leave to the legislature regulation of foreign investments and to determine the areas where foreign investments will be welcome.

(Communication No. 462 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Communication from Ms. Norhata D.M. Alonto, submitting in behalf of Abdul Khayr Alonto a position paper, entitled "Autonomy of the People."

(Communication No. 463 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Local Governments.

Communication from Mr. Vic Felipe, Editor, Manila Hotline Magazine, Room 404, Plywood Industries Bldg., T.M. Kalaw corner Mabini Streets, Ermita, Manila, submitting a proposal re: "Edukasyong Tunay na MakaPilipino" and "Ang Populasyon at ang Pambansang Kaunlaran," requesting the revival of the real Pilipino education (ABAKADA instead of ABC), and limiting the number of children for every couple to be able to meet/provide their children's needs.

(Communication No. 464 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Communication from Ms. Marisse C. Reyes, Correspondence Secretary, Office of the President, transmitting letters from the following: Gabriel Ma. J. Lopez of 105 Kentucky Avenue, S.E., Washington D.C. 20003, proposing that Filipino citizens residing abroad be allowed to vote in national elections; Mr. Francisco L. Balingao, c/o Mr. Ely Cruz Ramirez, Radio Action, DZXL, Intramuros, Manila, proposing that the Philippine statehood issue be submitted to the people in the plebiscite for the ratification of the new Constitution; Mr. Juan L. Cabida and 75 others of Bayugan, Agusan del Sur, proposing that the Philippine statehood issue be submitted to the people in a plebiscite in the forthcoming local elections; MARILAG, proposing a change in the Agrarian Reform Code in line with capitalism and free enterprise, among others; Dumaguete Fellowship of Reconciliation, Silliman University, opposing compulsory religious instruction; and Mr. Pablo B. David of San Juan Nepomuceno, Betis, Guagua, Pampanga, proposing a Constitution that is for freedom, justice and equality, and authority of the State to put order on the first three, and saying that the power balance in this part of the world occasioned by U.S. military pressure be not disturbed at this time.

(Communication No. 465 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Communication from Mr. Fulgencio S. Factoran, Jr., Deputy Executive Secretary, Office of the President, transmitting a letter of Mr. Apolonio G. Ramos of 42 Mindanao Street, Filipinas Village, Marikina, Metro Manila, submitting the following