

**Executive Order
No. 422
June 25, 1997**

**SUBJECT : Creating the National Committee on the
General Conference of the International
Federation of Agricultural Producers in
Manila, 27 May – 4 June 1998**

WHEREAS, it is part of the government's policy thrusts to enhance the competitiveness of the local agricultural sector to attain food sufficiency and security, and therefore promote national growth and development;

WHEREAS, the improved competitiveness of the local agricultural sector shall likewise promote the welfare of the local agricultural producers, in particular that of the Filipino farmers and workers, and thereby advance the Social Reform Agenda of the government;

WHEREAS, the holding of the general Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP) in Manila from 27 May to 4 June 1998, which shall be participated in by the local farmer groups and agricultural producers to be led by the IFAP local affiliates, shall significantly serve the furtherance of the above policy thrust and Social Reform Agenda;

WHEREAS, the holding of the above IFAP conference in Manila is deemed part of the Department of Agriculture's program for the centennial celebration of Philippine Independence in 1998;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide an overall coordinating mechanism to ensure the orderly and productive conduct of the IFAP conference in Manila;

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

Section 1. *Creation of the National Committee on the General Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers.* There is hereby created a National Committee, hereafter referred to as the Committee, to ensure the orderly and productive holding of the General Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers in Manila from 27 May to 4 June 1998.

Sec. 2 *Composition.* The Committee shall be composed on the following:

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| Secretary, Department of Agriculture - | Chairman |
| Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs – | Co-Chairman |
| Head, IFAP Local Organizing Committee | – Vice Chairman |
| Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform | - Member |
| Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources - | Member |
| Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry | - Member |
| Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment | - Member |
| Secretary, Department of Tourism | - Member |
| Secretary, Department of Transportation and Communication – | Member |
| Secretary, Department of Public Works and Highways- | Member |
| Secretary, Department of Science and Technology | - Member |
| Director General, Philippine National Police | - Member |
| Director General, National Economic & Development Authority – do- | |
| Chairman, Metro Manila Development Authority | - Member |
| President, Philippine Chamber of Commerce & Industry | - Member |
| President, Philippine Exporters Confederation, Inc. | - Member |

Sec. 3 *Duties and Functions.* The Committee shall discharge the following duties and functions:

- a. In coordination with the IFAP, formulate the appropriate program for the orderly and productive conduct of the above IFAP conference;
- b. Promote and coordinate the active participation of the concerned government agencies and local private sector in the IFAAP conference, including the sector-wide participation of the local farmers groups and agricultural producers;
- c. Serve as the focal point of coordination and complementation between the government and IFAP relative to the activities of the conference; and
- d. Perform other functions which may be deemed necessary by the President.

The Committee may create such subcommittees and/or tap other government agencies or any of its instrumentalities for the efficient discharge of the above functions.

Sec. 4 *Secretariat Support*- The Department of Agriculture shall provide secretariat and administrative support to the Committee.

Sec. 5 *Funding*. The needed funding for the conduct of the above conference in Manila shall be jointly defrayed by the IFAP and the government. Government counterpart contributions thereto shall be determined by the Committee and shall be included in the budgetary appropriation of the Department of Agriculture for 1998. This shall also include the funds needed by the Committee and its Secretariat to effectively carry out the provisions of this Order.

Sec. 6 *Reportorial Requirement*. The Committee shall submit to the Office of the President, regular report on its activities, including a post-conference report highlighting the accomplishments of the Committee and of the conference.

Sec. 7 *Effectivity.* This order shall take effect immediately.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS
President

By the President

(Sgd) RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary