

MALACANANG
RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 346

CONSTITUTING A COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE SYM-
POSIUM OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES ON RE-
SEARCH AND MARKETING OF ASIAN TROPICAL TIMBER
AND TIMBER PRODUCTS.

WHEREAS, the Seminar on the Promotion of Tro-
pical Timber and Timber Products organized by the
UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Center and held in
Geneva, Switzerland, on 17 May to 11 June 1971 no-
ted the existence of common problems on forest pro-
ducts research and marketing among Southeast Asian
nations like the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia,
Malaysia, Singapore, India and Burma;

WHEREAS, the Philippine participants in said
seminar proposed that a symposium be held in Manila
among these Southeast Asian nations to deliberate
and chart out a course of action to solve these
common problems;

WHEREAS, the Food and Agriculture Organization
has been requested to extend the facilities of its
offices to explore the possibilities of getting co-
operation from appropriate regional bodies or enti-
ties concerning the symposium. Among the subject
matters to be taken up are:

- a. Coordination on research programmes on
tropical timber.
- b. Standardization and metrification of
mechanical forest products.
- c. Identification and analysis of other
common problems to research and trade in
the region.

d. Conclusions and recommendations on common course of action; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to create an agency to coordinate and centralize all activities relating to the preparation, organization and proceedings of this proposed symposium as host country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby constitute a Coordinating Committee composed of the following:

Jose E. dela Rosa, Vice-Chairman
of the Presidential Committee
on Wood Industries Development . . . Chairman

Benjamin F. Sanvictores, President
of the Plywood Manufacturers'
Association Co -
Chairman

Renato Arevalo, President of the
Philippine Lumber Producers'
Association Member

Director Jose Viado of the
Bureau of Forestry Member

Commissioner Manuel Monsalud
of FORPRIDECOM Member

Secretary of Agriculture and
Natural Resources Member

This Committee shall be charged with the following functions:

1. To advise the Food and Agriculture Organization and other UN agencies concerned that the Philippine government is ready to host the proposed symposium in the event that said agency shall be able to implement its work plan for the symposium;

2. To coordinate the activities of all Philippine working groups and participating agencies with

the participation and organization of the symposium;

3. To collect, review and submit to the symposium with the assistance of the appropriate government agencies the necessary data, statistics and technical paper pertinent to the local problems on marketing and research of Philippine lumber and forest products.

The Committee may create such subcommittees as may necessary in the performance of its functions. For this purpose, the Committee may call upon the Philippine Association for Permanent Forests and the Society of Filipino Foresters for the necessary assistance relative to the proposed symposium.

The Committee may request any department, bureau, office, agency and instrumentality of the government, including government-owned or controlled corporation, for such assistance as may be needed in the performance of its functions.

Done in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-one.

(SGD.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) ALEJANDRO MELCHOR
Executive Secretary