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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 279

DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 28, 2002 TO NOVEMBER 3, 2002 AS INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH WEEK

WHEREAS, the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) is a global alliance of investors, 16 international research institutes known as Future Harvest Centers, 58 member-countries from both developing and industrialized countries and other partner organizations which mobilize science to benefit the poor;

WHEREAS, the annual general meeting of the CGIAR will, for the first time, be held in the Philippines from October 28 to November 1, 2002, which brings together more than 500 local and foreign scientist-delegates;

WHEREAS, the meeting in Metro Manila is being held because of the Philippines' long-term support for, and membership in the CGIAR, and because of the Philippines' international reputation in agricultural research, being host country to one of the top-notch research agencies, the International Rice Research Institute;

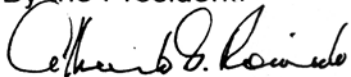
WHEREAS, there is a need to focus more attention on the important role played by agricultural research in national progress, development and poverty alleviation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from October 28, 2002 to November 3, 2002 as International Agricultural Research Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.

By the President:



ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary
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