

**MALACAÑANG**  
**MANILA**

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 311**

**CREATING A NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE WORLD  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION'S (WIPO) WORLD  
SYMPOSIUM ON BROADCASTING, NEW COMMUNICATION  
TECHNOLOGIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, largely through the efforts of the current leadership of the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (National Association of Broadcasters of the Philippines), in coordination with the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) decided to organize a "World Symposium on Broadcasting, New Communication Technologies and Intellectual Property" (hereinafter referred to as "WIPO World Symposium on Broadcasting") in Manila, Philippines from 28 to 30 April 1997;

**WHEREAS**, the protection of the rights of broadcasters and owners of new communication technologies and intellectual property has increasingly gained universal importance because of the dominant role technology plays in influencing international economics and trade;

**WHEREAS**, the recognition and adequate protection of the rights of broadcasters, inventors, authors and intellectual property owners would enhance the economic environment needed to spur sustained economic growth and attract foreign investments;

**WHEREAS**, as a member-country of WIPO, the Philippines is privileged to have been designated as host of the forthcoming WIPO World Symposium on Broadcasting and welcomes this opportunity to reaffirm to the world its policy to protect the rights of broadcasters and owners of new communication technologies and intellectual property against infringement, piracy and counterfeiting;

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

**SECTION 1. National Organizing Committee.** - A National Organizing Committee for the "WIPO World Symposium on Broadcasting, New Communication Technologies and Intellectual Property" is hereby created, which is tasked to coordinate the overall implementation of activities related to the WIPO World Symposium.

**SEC. 2. Composition.** - The Committee shall be co-chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and the present President of the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas, with the Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry as Vice-Chairman and the representatives of the following as members:

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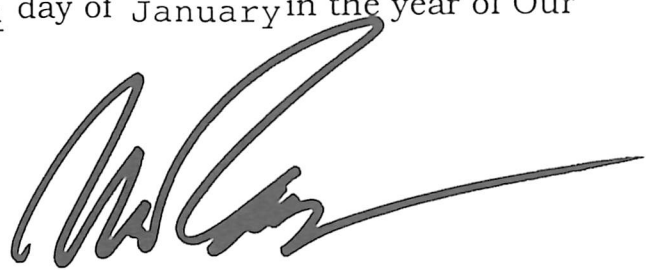
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 National Economic Development Authority  
 Philippine National Police  
 Presidential Inter-Agency Committee on Intellectual Property  
 Rights  
 Institute of International Legal Studies (UP)  
 A representative from the Council to Combat Counterfeiting and  
 Piracy of Patents, Copyright and Trademarks (COMPACT)  
 and the Intellectual Property Association of the Philippines  
 (IPAP)

**SEC. 3. Functions of the Committee.** - The Committee shall create a Secretariat and such sub-committees as it may deem necessary to implement its mandate and formulate mechanisms that will ensure the success of the WIPO World Symposium on Broadcasting. Secretariat support shall be provided by the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas. In the execution of its tasks, the Committee shall have the authority to call upon the assistance of any department, agency or instrumentality of the Government.

**SEC. 4. Funding.** - The amount of two million pesos (P2,000,000) required for the symposium shall be sourced partly from the International Commitments Fund. The funding balance shall be charged against the respective savings/revenues of the participating agencies, the sharing of which shall be identified by the Committee.

**SEC. 5. Effectivity.** - This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

**Done** in the City of Manila, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven.



By the President:



**RUBEN D. TORRES**  
 Executive Secretary