EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 255

REQUIRING ALL RADIO STATIONS WITH MUSICAL FORMAT PROGRAMS TO BROADCAST A MINIMUM OF FOUR ORIGINAL PILIPINO MUSICAL COMPOSITIONS IN EVERY CLOCKHOUR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, radio programs with musical formats allot very limited playing time to original Pilipino music;

WHEREAS, to ensure the growth of the local music industry, the airplay of original Pilipino music in our radio stations must be increased;

WHEREAS, the State is constitutionally mandated to conserve, promote and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations, and to give patronage to arts and letters;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

Sec. 1. All radio stations shall broadcast a minimum of four (4) original Pilipino musical compositions in every clockhour of a program with a musical format. For purposes of this Executive Order, "original Pilipino musical composition" shall refer to any musical composition created by a Filipino, whether the lyrics be in Pilipino, English or in any other language or dialect.

Sec. 2. Any franchise holder or operator of a radio station which fails to broadcast the minimum number of original Pilipino musical compositions in every clockhour of a program with a musical format shall be fined in the amount of P100.00 per violation. The National Telecommunications Commission may, after due hearing, suspend or cancel the Certificate of Registration and Authority to operate of any radio station in the event of repeated violations of this Executive Order or its implementing rules and regulations.

Sec. 3. The National Telecommunications Commission shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Executive Order.

Sec. 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 25th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**

By the President:

(SGD.) JOKER P. ARROYO

Executive Secretary