

**MALACAÑANG  
MANILA**

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**[PROCLAMATION NO. 976]**

**DECLARING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO DECEMBER 1997 AS THE ANTI-MIGRANT TRAFFICKING YEAR**

WHEREAS, overseas employment continues to be an alternative source of income for over four million overseas Filipino workers;

WHEREAS, in pursuit of overseas work, jobseekers continue to be victimized by illegal traffickers whose victims include women and children;

WHEREAS, all the agencies of government and all sectors of society need concerted and collective action in order to eradicate illegal trafficking of migrants;

NOW, THEREFORE, I FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period January 1 to December 30, 1997 as the Anti-Migrant Trafficking Year.

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 25th day of February in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

By the President:  
(Sgd.) RUBEN D. TORRES  
Executive Secretary