

Title

**Ratification of 1968 Vienna Road Traffic Conventions**

Law

**Presidential Decree No. 207**

Decision Date

**Jun 6, 1973**

Presidential Decree No. 207 ratifies the 1968 Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and Road Signs and Signals to establish uniform rules and regulations for international road traffic and increase road safety in the Philippines, with the Commissioner of Land Transportation responsible for implementing the necessary regulatory measures.

**[ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 207, June 06, 1973 ]**

**RATIFYING THE 1968 VIENNA CONVENTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON ROAD TRAFFIC AND ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS, RESPECTIVELY.**

WHEREAS, a United Nations Conference on Road Traffic was held in Vienna, Austria, for the period from October 7 to November 8, 1968, under the auspices of the United Nations Economic and Social Council;

WHEREAS, in this Conference the participating countries, including the Philippines, have agreed on a Convention for Road Traffic and a separate Convention for Road Signs and Signals, both considered absolutely necessary to facilitate international road traffic and to increase road safety;

WHEREAS, the contracting parties to these Conventions to which the Philippines is a signatory have agreed to accept the system of traffic, road signs, signals and symbols and road markings described in said conventions and to adopt the same as soon as possible;

WHEREAS, the period of five years have elapsed since these two conventions have been signed, but the past Congress of the Republic of the Philippines have failed to ratify the same;

WHEREAS, there is now an urgent need for the ratification of these conventions in order to adopt internationally prescribed uniform rules of road traffic and road signs and signals in the Philippines, especially so, because of the intensified government campaign for road safety; and

WHEREAS, the urgent need for adopting the uniform traffic rules, road signs and signals as prescribed in the conventions is made more necessary because of the considerable number of foreigners and tourists that are now operating motor vehicles on Philippine roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, and General Order No. 1, dated September 22, 1972, as amended, do hereby adopt and make as part of the law of the land the 1968 Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic and Road Signs and Signals, respectively.

The Commissioner of Land Transportation shall draw, enact and promulgate the necessary regulatory measures to implement this Decree.

Done in the City of Manila, this 6th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-three.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS  
President  
Republic of the Philippines

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By the President:

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(Sgd.) ALEJANDRO MELCHOR

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Executive Secretary