

## Agenda

### Day 1, Monday 6 September 1999

- **Preparatory meeting of Forum Members and OHCHR** (closed session)
- **Registration of delegates**

#### **Inauguration Ceremony** – Cultural Centre

##### *Speakers*

- President of the Philippines or his representative
- Justice Aurora Navarrete-Recina Chairperson, Philippines Commission on

##### Human Rights

- Mr Brian Burdekin, Special Advisor to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on National Institutions
- Ms Pamela Jefferies, Chief Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission and Coordinator, Asia-Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions

#### **Dinner and cultural evening**

### Day 2, Tuesday 7 September 1999

#### **National Human Rights Institutions and Economic and Social Rights**

##### *Speakers*

- Mr Justice P.N. Bhagwati, former Chief Justice of India & Vice Chairperson, Human Rights Committee, Regional Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN
- Professor Virginia Dandan, Chairperson, UN Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Committee

#### **Women and Human Rights**

- The role of national institutions in addressing discrimination against women

#### **National Institutions and Non-Government Organisations**

- Report back on the Forum's Regional Workshop

#### **Death Penalty and Human Rights**

- Capital punishment and its human rights implications

### Day 3, Wednesday 8 September 1999

#### **Regional Issues**

- Activities of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in support of National Institutions: Mr Brian Burdekin, Special Advisor to the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- National Action Plans
- Recent developments in regional States considering the establishment of a national human rights institutions
- Recent developments in other regions concerning the establishment of national human rights institutions

#### **Review of the Forum's operations**

- Report on Forum activities
- Technical assistance cooperation programs
- Child pornography and the Internet
- Video
- Advisory Council of Jurists
- Practices of national institutions for receiving, investigating & resolving

##### complaints

- Mechanism for the collation and dissemination of human rights jurisprudence
- Web sites for national human rights institutions

#### **Forum Members and OHCHR - drafting of Conference Statement** (closed session)

#### **Human Rights in the Philippines**

- Briefing by the Philippines Commission on Human Rights about their role, functions and activities

***Conference Statement***

- Consideration and adoption of meeting conclusions

***Closing Ceremony***

***Press Conference***