



SUB-COMMITTEE ON TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE XVIII TRANSITORY PROVISIONS OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION (As adopted by the Plenary on 15 December 2005)

NO ELECTION IN 2007

First election under this Constitution shall be held on the second Monday of May 2010. The term of office of elective officials, local and national, ending in 2007 extended to 2010 to address the following matters:

- Huge amount of money and resources to be expended for the holding of the elections in 2007 can instead be utilized to alleviate more pressing needs of our countrymen – food, health, education;
- Synchronization of election;
- Cooling period of three years is shorter than during the Commonwealth; longer than what is provided for in the 1987 Constitution;
- This period will also give the Philippine economy a chance to take off; and,
- Ratification of this Constitution will in effect extend the mandate of elective official with term ending 2007.

MEMBERS OF THE INTERIM PARLIAMENT

- The automatic Members:
 - Members of the Senate
 - Members of the House of Representatives
- By appointment of the President:
 - At least one-third of the Cabinet, with portfolio
 - Thirty persons, experienced and experts in their respective fields

INTERIM PRIME MINISTER

- Elected by a majority vote of all the Members of Parliament
- He shall be a Member of the Cabinet

THE PRESIDENT

- The head of state and the head of government
- Appoints the new Cabinet from among the members of Parliament
- Has supervision and direction over the *interim* Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Not vested with power to dissolve the *interim* Parliament
- Subject to the same disqualification and manner of removal as provided this proposed Constitution

THE VICE-PRESIDENT

- Shall initially convene the *interim* Parliament and shall continue, until 2010, to exercise his powers and prerogatives as Vice-President under the 1987 Constitution

CONTINUING EFFECTIVITY OF LAWS

- Retained

RATIFICATION OF TREATIES AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

- Instead of the Members of Senate, approval is vested in the Parliament

COURTS

- Continue to exercise jurisdiction
- Rules of Court, judicial issuances, and procedural laws may only be amended or repealed by the Supreme Court
- Provision on security of tenure retained

SECURITY OF TENURE OF THE FOLLOWING EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR:

- Constitutional Commissions and the Ombudsman
- Civil Service Personnel

