Rewriting the Constitution: A Call for a Popular Draft and its Genuine Ratification

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In this Editorial, the Author expresses concern over the convening of a Constitutional Commission pursuant to Proclamation No. 3, particularly Article V thereof, issued by then President Corazon Aquino. While the urgent need to create a constitutional government was understandable, the Author warns of a possible reoccurrence of the simulations and deceptions exercised vis-à-vis the 1973 Constitution. He therefore calls upon the government to ensure that the new constitution will be "truly reflective of the ideals and aspirations of the Filipino people," which can be facilitated by conducting the requisite hearings and consultations with the people.