

RESOLUTION NO. 01-95

WHEREAS, the Exchange Visitors Program (EVP) Committee was created by virtue of Administrative Order No. 191 on 3 April 1956, primarily to coordinate the Philippine participation in the EVP and to properly channel the services of the returning participants for the benefit of the country;

WHEREAS, international and local developments have necessitated a review of the policies governing the implementation of the EVP to ensure that the benefits derived from the EVP would accrue to the best interest of the country;

WHEREAS, the EVP Committee has identified the policy framework that will serve as the basis for formulating the necessary guidelines relative to the implementation of the EVP in the country;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the EVP Committee shall institute a policy framework and procedural guidelines to complement initiatives that would reposition the Philippines as a knowledge center in the Asia-Pacific Region;

RESOLVED, that the procedural guidelines of the EVP shall conform with the constitutional guarantees of the right of people to travel, education and personal development, and shall take into consideration safeguards to promote national security;

RESOLVED, that the EVP Committee shall establish and implement a re-entry program for EVP participants which would encourage their return to the Philippines, as well as enable them to share their knowledge, skills, expertise and technology to specific development and growth sectors in the country;

RESOLVED, that the EVP Committee shall recommend to the President the issuance of an Administrative Order reconstituting the composition of the EVP Committee and re-defining its functions on the basis of existing policies enunciated by the government;

RESOLVED, that the EVP Committee adopt new guidelines in the issuance of "Need for Training" certificates (NTC) to EVP applicants, to be based on criteria to ensure that the Philippines must gain maximum benefit from training under the EVP;

RESOLVED, that the EVP Committee adopt a very restrictive policy in the issuance of a "No-Objection Statement" (NOS) for the waiver of the two-year home residence requirement, which shall be in accordance with the following:

No Objection Statement may be issued only in the following cases:

1. Applicant is married to a U.S. citizen or immigrant in the U.S.;
2. Applicant has minor children who are U.S. citizens; and
3. Applicant is a religious worker (priest, nun, missionary) in a recognized religious denomination.

No Objection Statement may also be issued on a case-to-case basis to the following:

1. An applicant pursuing further studies/training, provided that the study/training is for the same course or if the same training program has been extended by the institution; and
2. An applicant with an ailing family member whose separation would cause a severe and direct threat to the life of the latter.

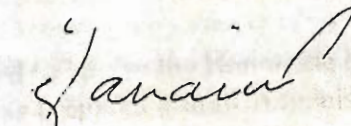
RESOLVED, that the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) shall serve as the Secretariat to the EVP Committee and coordinate its activities and projects;

FINALLY RESOLVED, that the EVP Committee shall institute a consultative mechanism among its member-agencies and shall meet regularly to address pressing issues and concerns regarding the implementation of the EVP;

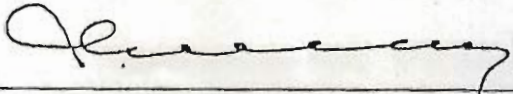
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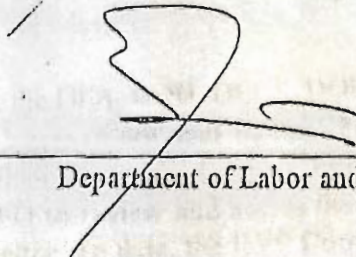
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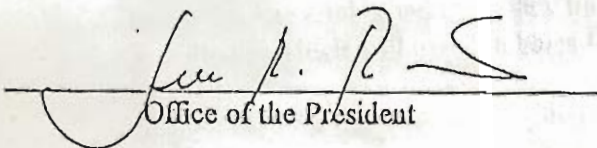
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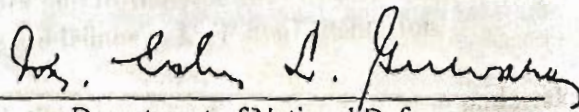
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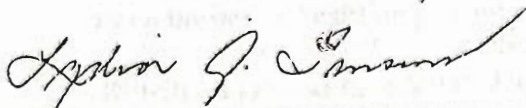


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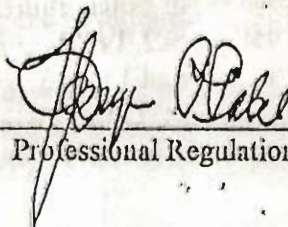


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