

**Exchange Visitor Program Committee in the Philippines**

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-2004**

**PROVIDING ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES ON DECIDING APPLICATIONS  
FOR NO OBJECTION STATEMENT THROUGH REFERENDUMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) Committee in the Philippines is mandated to promulgate policies, rules and regulations to implement Philippine participation in the EVP;

**WHEREAS**, Section 9(b) of the "Guidelines and Procedures on the Waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitors", which was promulgated by the Committee on 16 November 2001, provides that applications for No Objection Statement may be decided by the Committee through referendum or during regular meetings;

**WHEREAS**, the Committee has noted that actual Committee deliberations have enabled a more thorough, exhaustive and judicious consideration of applications for No Objection Statement;

**WHEREAS**, the Committee agreed during its meeting in 29 December 2003 to provide additional procedural guidelines in deciding on applications for No Objection Statement by referendum;

**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, that applications for No Objection Statement shall be decided by the Committee through referendum only in cases that require urgent and expeditious disposition, such as when the applicant is considered to be at risk due to loss of visa or legal status, and in such other cases as the Secretariat may deem appropriate;

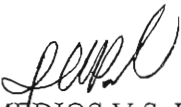
**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that when referendums are conducted and a qualified majority of the Committee members choose to withhold their decision on a particular application until a meeting of the Committee is held, said application shall be included in the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Committee where it shall be deliberated and decided upon by the Committee as a whole;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that the decision of the Committee as a whole during regular meetings shall have preponderance over decisions made through referendums.

**ADOPTED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2004 during the regular EVP Committee meeting in Manila, Philippines.

  
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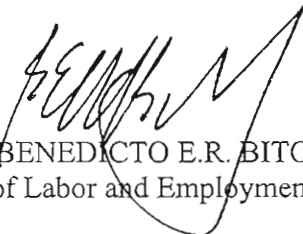
  
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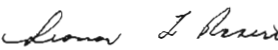
  
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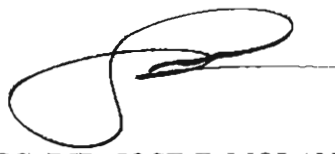
  
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