

**Exchange Visitor Program Committee in the Philippines**

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-2006**

**REMOVAL OF ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN LIEU OF THE TWO-YEAR HOME-COUNTRY PHYSICAL PRESENCE REQUIREMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the EVP Committee issued Resolution No. 01-99, "Providing for Alternative Arrangements in Lieu of the Two-Year Home-Country Physical Presence Requirement" in September 1999, allowing the EVP Committee to grant a No Objection Statement to EVP participants who do not meet the criteria for automatic issuance of the NOS provided they satisfy the requirements for the conduct of special projects and / or activities in lieu of the two-year home-country physical presence requirement;

**WHEREAS**, said resolution was integrated into the Guidelines and Procedures on the Waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitors adopted and approved by the EVP Committee on 16 November 2001;

**WHEREAS**, the EVP Committee recognizes that in view of recent developments in the United States, there has been a growth in opportunities for advancement of Filipino professionals outside the Exchange Visitor Program;

**WHEREAS**, the EVP Committee also recognizes that while there are increasing opportunities for Filipino professionals in the United States, there is a need to promote more cultural and educational exchange between the Philippines and the United States, and to further ensure the effectiveness of the Exchange Visitor Program;

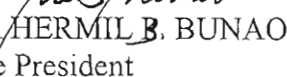
**RESOLVED THEREFORE**, that the EVP Committee hereby removes the alternative arrangement as one of the criteria for the issuance of a No Objection Statement, repealing therefore sections 15 to 18 of the Guidelines and Procedures on the Waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitor Program Participants;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the EVP Committee shall only offer the alternative arrangement to EVP participants whose applications for No Objection Statement are received by the Secretariat on or before 30 November 2006 and whose training programs are expected to be completed not later than 30 November 2007.


**ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006 during the 65<sup>th</sup> regular EVP Committee meeting in Manila, Philippines.



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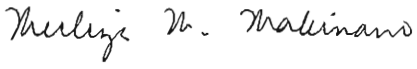
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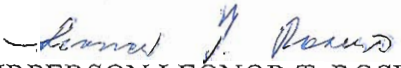


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