INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON PHILIPPINE SCHOOLS OVERSEAS Manila, Philippines

IAC RESOLUTION NO. 1-2004

ON THE MATTER OF PERMITS ISSUED BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO PHILIPPINE SCHOOLS OVERSEAS

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Committee on Philippine Schools Overseas is mandated by Executive Order 252 to develop policies and guidelines for the establishment, operation, management, accreditation, and regulation of Philippine schools and educational programs overseas;

WHEREAS, Section 24 (b), Article IV of the Manual of Policies and Regulations for Philippine Schools Overseas states that a permit to operate shall be granted to a school when all the requirements of the Department of Education, including ocular inspection have been met;

WHEREAS, the permit to operate issued by the Department of Education to a Philippine school overseas is non-transferable, and may not be extended to any other entity;

WHEREAS, there have been requests from Philippine schools overseas for the use of the same permit issued by the Department of Education in instances of a change in the name of the school due to change in ownership or other circumstances;

WHEREAS, there is need for additional policy guidelines on the matter of permits issued by the Philippine Government to Philippine schools overseas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved that the following are hereby adopted:

1. That within fifteen (15) days of the change in ownership or name of a school overseas, the school shall submit to the Inter-Agency Committee an updated information sheet as prescribed, a copy of the new license from the host government, and plantilla of all academic personnel including the principal indicating their names, degrees obtained and positions in the school. Documents in other languages shall be accompanied by an English translation, and must all be authenticated by the Philippine Embassy or Consulate with jurisdiction. After receipt of the required documents, the Inter-Agency Committee shall determine whether there is need for the school to apply for a new Department of Education permit, or whether the existing permit may be amended to indicate the new name of the school, provided that such amendment shall not be allowed more than once;

2. That upon the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Committee or on its own initiative, the Department of Education may revoke or cancel any permit which was transferred to or used by another school without the written approval of the Department of Education, or which may have been the subject or part of a commercial transaction.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the above provisions shall constitute an integral part of the Manual of Policies and Regulations for Philippine Schools Overseas

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 36th day of MAY 2004, in Manila, Philippines.

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