



RESOLUTION NO. 5
Series of 2001

**Enjoining the Council Members to Adopt and Streamline their
Respective Procedures to Safeguard the Integrity of the
Seafarers' Assessment and Certification Process**

WHEREAS, the Maritime Training Council (MTC) created under Letter of Instructions No. 1404 to give full and complete effect to the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, is mandated to ensure that all legal and administrative measures of member agencies are appropriate and compliant with the Revised STCW Convention.

WHEREAS, the Maritime Training Council, under Executive Order No. 242, is responsible to other State Parties with respect to the Philippine compliance to the Convention, as amended, including compliance with Regulation I/10;

WHEREAS, in consonance with the report of the Philippine delegation to the 74th meeting of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) held from May 30 to June 8, 2001 in London, United Kingdom viz-a-viz the study conducted by the Seafarers International Research Centre of Cardiff University, the problem of fraudulent practices on fraudulent documents of seafarers is global in scope and has socio-economic and systematic dimensions, which are addressed by the governments concerned and the International Maritime Organization;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, to curb and eliminate the problem of fraudulent certificates of seafarers, have continuously maintained close coordination with the police authorities and investigative bodies like the National Bureau of Investigation, to prevent falsification and use of falsified documents; and to apply the penal sanctions as provided for by Philippine laws and regulations;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has the duty to prevent the proliferation of fraudulent certificates and update the International Maritime Organization (IMO) by submitting a formal paper on the progress of the measures undertaken to curb and eliminate fraudulent certificates of seafarers for the January, 2002 STW 33 as required by the Office of United Nations and International Organization of the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, be it RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED that the council members of the Maritime Training Council who are hereby enjoined to muster all of their personnel and facilities in the task of curbing and eliminating the problem involving fraudulent certificates of seafarers, should effectively adopt and streamline their respective structural systems and procedures in the detection, verification and investigation of cases involving fraudulent certificates and impose penalties therefore.

RESOLVED further that the following agencies to keep and maintain complete statistical records involving cases of fraudulent certificates:

1. Maritime Training Council (MTC) - certificates of training issued by the maritime training centers and those validated by the National Assessment Center (NAC);
2. Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) - certificates of competency and endorsement certificates for marine officers;
3. TESDA – certificates of competency for ratings;
4. National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) – GOC for GMDSS;
5. Marine Industry Authority (MARINA) – Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SiRB);
6. Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) – Seaman's Registration Card (SRC) and other documents submitted for processing of employment contract by the seafarers and/or manning agencies;
7. Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) – seaman's passport;
8. Commission on Higher Education (CHED) – seaman's school records;
9. Private Sector Representative (Mariner's Employer) – seaman's service records and including masters reports; and
10. Private Sector Representative (Mariner's union) – seaman's union and other personal records.

RESOLVED finally, that copies or prints of the statistical records kept and maintained by the aforementioned agencies be duly transmitted to the Maritime Training Council Secretariat for consolidation and inclusion in the database.

Done in the City of Manila this 17 day of SEPTEMBER 2001.

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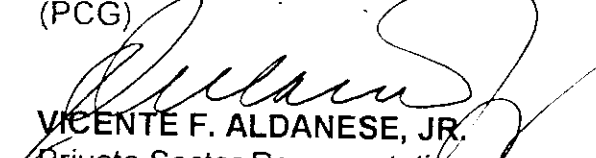
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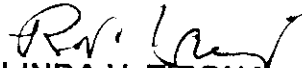
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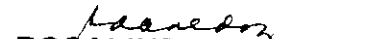
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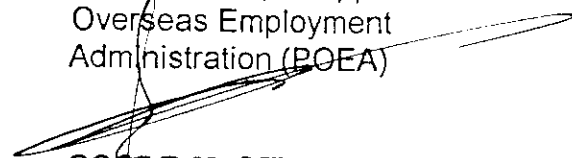
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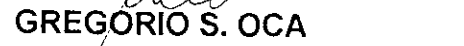


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