

**Inter-Agency Committee for the Celebration of the
Month of Overseas Filipinos and International Migrants Day**



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Dear IAC-MOF Members,

Warm greetings from the Inter-Agency Committee for the Month of Overseas Filipinos (IAC-MOF) and International Migrants Day Celebration in the Philippines!

We are pleased to share with you the signed **Resolution No. 02-2023, “Expanding the Membership of the Inter-Agency Committee for the Month of Overseas Filipinos and International Migrants Day Celebration in the Philippines”**.

The Resolution formalized the inclusion of the following migrant-serving agencies and organizations who have been supporting the MOF Activities for the past years:


1. Department of Migrant Workers
2. Bureau of Immigration
3. Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking – Department of Justice
4. Department of Social Welfare and Development
5. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority

Thank you for your continued support to the IAC-MOF. For further concerns, you may contact Mr. Frencl Louie T. Tingga and Ms. Graciela Antonett A. Paguinto of the CFO at their email addresses: frencelt@gmail.com, gpaguinto@cfo.gov.ph or telephone numbers (02) 8552-4766 / (02) 8552-4768. They can also be reached at mobile/Viber account number 0951-06903763 / 0916-7719424.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely yours,


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 Chairperson, IAC-MOF


SECRETARY ROMULO V. ARUGAY
 Chairperson, Commission on Filipinos Overseas
 Co-Chairperson, IAC-MOF

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2023

EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY CELEBRATION IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Committee of the Month of Overseas Filipinos and International Migrants Day (IAC-MOF) was mandated by Administrative Order 202 (2007) to take the lead in commemorating the “Month of Overseas Filipinos” and the “International Migrants Day” in December and December 18 of every year, respectively, with the end view of promoting the welfare of Filipino migrants, recognizing their role in nation-building and national development, strengthening their ties with the Philippines, and raising public awareness on various issues concerning migrants;

WHEREAS, the original members of the IAC-MOF, composed of the Philippine Migrants Rights Watch and the Commission on Filipinos Overseas as Chair and Co-Chair, respectively, with the following members:

- 1) Department of Labor and Employment,
- 2) Overseas Workers Welfare Administration,
- 3) Philippine Overseas Employment Administration,
- 4) Department of Foreign Affairs,
- 5) Department of Tourism,
- 6) Department of Trade and Industry,
- 7) Presidential Communications Office
(former Presidential Communications Operations Office),
- 8) Philippine Migration Research Network,
- 9) Migrant Forum in Asia,

The additional members as per Resolution No. 01-2014:

- 10) Department of the Interior and Local Government,
- 11) Department of Health,
- 12) National Commission for Culture and the Arts,
- 13) Philippine Health Insurance Corporation,
- 14) Pag-IBIG Fund,
- 15) Social Security System,
- 16) Film Development Council of the Philippines,
- 17) League of Cities of the Philippines,
- 18) League of Provinces of the Philippines,
- 19) League of Municipalities of the Philippines, and
- 20) Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, since the inception of the IAC-MOF and International Migrants Day in the Philippines, the IAC-MOF has conducted several activities such as National and International Fora on Migration, Migrant Fairs, Conferment of Migration, Advocacy and Media Awards, Film Showing on Migration, among others;

WHEREAS, during the IAC-MOF meeting of May 2, 2023, the group agreed to formalize the inclusion of migrant serving agencies and organizations who have been participating in and supporting the MOF Activities for the past years;



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WHEREAS, during also the said meeting, the Department of Migrant Workers (a newly created department responsible for the protection and promotion of the rights and welfare of OFWs and their families) concur to their inclusion in the IAC-MOF. The other agencies namely, Bureau of Immigration, Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking – Department of Justice, Department of Social Welfare and Development, and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, have also been attending the IAC meetings and supportive of the MOF activities in the previous years.


WHEREFORE, there is a need to formally include the following agencies and organizations that also cater to Filipino migrants and their families, which were not yet included in Administrative Order No. 202 and IAC MOF Resolution 01-2014, to ensure the success of the Month of Overseas Filipinos and the International Migrants Day Celebration:

1. Department of Migrant Workers
2. Bureau of Immigration
3. Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking – Department of Justice
4. Department of Social Welfare and Development
5. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority

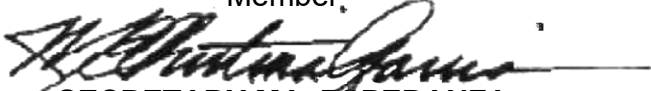
ADOPTED this 12th day of September 2023 in Manila, Philippines.


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