

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 905, March 18, 1976**]

INCREASING THE SALARIES OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE FOREIGN SERVICE

WHEREAS, the importance of the Foreign Service as the major instrument of the Government in the protection and advancement of the country's interest abroad has greatly-increased, especially at this time when the government is particularly engaged in development diplomacy;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that personnel of the Foreign Service be provided with adequate financial means to be able to represent the country not only effectively but also in a manner worthy of the esteem and respect of the country to which they are accredited;

WHEREAS, the tremendous rise in the cost of living resulting from the worldwide economic inflation and the recent energy crisis has considerably reduced the value of the present salaries of Foreign Service personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby decree as follows:

SECTION 1. The provisions of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding, the positions in the Department of Foreign Affairs shall be classified according to the following schedule of classes and rates:

Chief of Mission, Class I	P37,344
Class II	35,532
Career Minister	27,732
Senior Foreign Affairs Adviser	27,732
Foreign Service Officer, Class I	23,892
	22,728
	21,624
Foreign Affairs Adviser	20,580
Foreign Service Officer, Class II	20,580
	19,584
	18,636
Foreign Service Officer, Class III	17,724
	16,860
	16,044
Foreign Service Officer, Class IV	15,234
	14,532
	13,824
Foreign Service Staff Officer I	13,824
	13,152
	12,516
Foreign Service Staff Officer II	12,516
	11,904
	11,328