

**[MTC RESOLUTION NO. 05, S. 2011, November
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**PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE CLOSURE ORDER OF THE
COMMISSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) TO THE BS
MARINE TRANSPORTATION (BSMT) AND BS MARINE
ENGINEERING (BSMARE) PROGRAMS OF THE PHILIPPINE
MARITIME INSTITUTE (PMI) COLLEGES – MANILA AND QUEZON
CITY CAMPUSES**

WHEREAS, the Philippines as a Party to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, has the obligation to take all steps necessary to give the Convention full and complete effect, so as to ensure that, from the point of view of safety of life and property at sea and the protection of marine environment, seafarers on board ships are qualified and fit for their duties;

WHEREAS, under Regulation I/10 of the Convention concerning recognition of certificates, Administrations may recognize by endorsement a certificate issued by another Party, provided that the former has confirmed, through all necessary measures, which may include inspection of facilities and procedures, that the requirements concerning the standards of competence, the issue and endorsement of certificates and record keeping are fully complied with;

WHEREAS, Administrations may withdraw its recognition of the Certificates and endorsement issued by another Party if the latter does not fully comply with the conditions specified in Regulation I/10 of the Convention;

WHEREAS, the Philippines has bilateral undertaking concerning recognition of certificates under regulation I/10 with at least twelve (12) Member States of the European Union, and the assessment and inspection of facilities and procedures, the requirements concerning standards of competence and the issue and endorsements of certificates is delegated to the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) in accordance with the regulation of the European Commission;

WHEREAS, EMSA has noted numerous deficiencies by selected Philippine maritime schools in its quality standard system, qualification of instructors, and the status of its facilities and training equipment during its initial visit in 2006 and follow-up evaluation in 2010 which necessitates that corrective action be undertaken by maritime schools concerned;

WHEREAS, among the maritime schools inspected by EMSA, the Philippine Maritime Institute (PMI) Colleges Manila and Quezon City were unable to provide satisfactory corrective actions for non-compliance with CHED standards and STCW requirements;