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GUIDELINES ON ACCREDITATION OF PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION PROGRAM, OF NGOS FOR DISADVANTAGED OVERSEAS CONTRACT WORKERS

Pursuant to Sections 3 (c and d), 5 and 6, Rule III, Book VIII of the Rules and Regulations Governing Overseas Employment, as Amended and POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 01, Series of 1992, the Administration hereby issues the following guidelines on accreditation of pre-departure orientation (PDO) program of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for disadvantaged overseas contract workers (OCWs):

SECTION 1. Definition of terms — For purposes of these Guidelines, the following terms are defined as follows:

1.1. **Non-governmental organizations** — organizations or associations of the private sector, duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or proper government agency, with special concern and interest for overseas contract workers, but not directly nor indirectly involved in recruitment.

1.2. **Disadvantaged overseas contract workers** — refer to overseas contract workers (OCWs) considered vulnerable by reasons of sex, nature of work and/or jobsite.

SECTION 2. Who are Qualified for Accreditation of PDO Program for Disadvantaged OCWs — Accreditation of PDO program for disadvantaged OCWs shall be limited to the following:

2.1. Non-governmental organizations organized and operating under existing laws of the Philippines not directly nor indirectly involved in recruitment;

2.2. People's organizations or associations of workers organized created or formed, in accordance with existing laws of the Philippines; and

2.3. Religious institutions legally existing, engaged in rendering assistance to overseas contract workers in distress at the jobsite or areas where government aid cannot be availed of for financial reasons or lack of representatives.

SECTION 3. Requirements for Accreditation - Applicants for accreditation shall submit the following:

3.1. General requirements:

    3.1.1 letter of intent stating the applicant's capabilities/capacities and