[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 104, May 16, 2002]

APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR ALL OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION (OWWA) LIVELIHOOD LOANS

WHEREAS, EO 329 which declared an Amnesty Program for all OWWA livelihood loans dated December 29, 2000, has already elapsed;

WHEREAS , as this is the first year of implementation, it took time before implementation could take-off considering that one of the requirements of the program is the dissemination of information to all affected OFW's thru their families;

WHEREAS , due to the short period of implementation, many OFW clients have not been able to complete the basic requirements to be able to qualify for the Amnesty program and are clamoring for its extension;

WHEREAS , in the short period that it went full-blast, a notable increase in collections have been registered thus, the same clamor for the extension of the Amnesty Program from OWWA program implementors; and

WHEREAS, the Livelihood Program of the OWWA, which for now is currently called the Livelihood Development Program for OFW's (LDPO), continues to serve the OFWs and their families on a nationwide scope.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO , President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby approve the extension of the implementation of the Amnesty Program of all OWWA livelihood loans until 30 April 2003 and in accordance with the following:

SECTION 1. That the same Guidelines covering the implementation of the Program under E.O. 329 be followed.

SEC 2. That the Administrator of the OWWA be authorized to recommend the declaration of an amnesty whenever required and upon thorough evaluation of the accomplishments of the LDPO.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.

(SGD.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

By the President:

(SGD.) ALBERTO G ROMULO Executive Secretary