

**[ MTC RESOLUTION NO. 6, S. 2000, May 29, 2000 ]**

**ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL ASSESSMENT CENTER**

Whereas, the Maritime Training Council under Section 1 of the Letter of Instruction No. 1404 is mandated to give effect to the 1978 STCW Convention and its corresponding annex;

Whereas, one of the functions of the Council under Section 2 of LOI 1404 is to issue certificate of proficiency to seafarers who meet the training requirements of the Convention;

Whereas, under the 1995 amendments to the Convention, it is required that all training and assessment of seafarers for certification under the Convention shall be structured in accordance with written programs, including such methods and media of delivery, procedures and course material as are necessary to achieve the prescribed standard of competence;

Whereas, it is also required under the 1995 amendment to the Convention that any person evaluating in-service assessment of competence of a seafarer, either on board or shore, which is intended to be used in qualifying for certification under the convention, shall meet the requirements of paragraph 6 of Section A-1/6 of the STCW Code;

Whereas, training and assessment of seafarers intended to be used in qualifying them for certification under the Convention are presently undertaken by training centers accredited by the MITC;

Whereas, there is an urgent need for an external body to conduct independent assessment of the competence of seafarers who have undergone training in the accredited maritime institutions or seafarers who have the necessary experience but whose competence need to be assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Convention;

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing premises, resolve as it is hereby resolved that:

*SECTION 1. The National Assessment Center* — A National Assessment Center is hereby created under the Maritime Training Council. Pending approval of the regular plantilla of the Council by the Department of Budget and Management, the Council shall designate a non-stock and non-profit organization to manage the Center, subject to the guidelines established by the Council. The Council shall only designate or authorize one body to manage the Center.

*SECTION 2. Responsibilities of the National Assessment Center* —