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INCREASING DFA INDEX ON OVERSEAS AND LIVING QUARTERS ALLOWANCES OF FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL IN AUSTRIA, BELGUIM, FRANCE, GERMANY, JAPAN, SWITZERLAND AND VIETNAM

TO : The Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Acting Minister of the Budget
Heads of Ministries and Agencies with Staff Members Stationed Abroad

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1285 establishes the Foreign Service Compensation Plan for staff members of the national government who are stationed abroad;

WHEREAS, Letter of Implementation 63 provides the necessary rules and regulations to be observed in the payment of compensation for personnel of the national government stationed abroad;

WHEREAS, Section 4.3.2 of the aforesaid Letter of Implementation 63 authorizes the Permanent Committee created for the purpose of P.D. 1285 to recommend to the President/ Prime Minister such adjustments in the MFA Index as may be warranted by changes in the exchange rates and price levels in the affected post of assignment;

WHEREAS, in view of the continuing serious decline in the value of the United States dollar against such currencies as the Austrian schilling, Belgian franc, French franc, German Deutschemark, Japanese yen, Swiss franc and Vietnam dong, officers and employees of the Philippine Foreign Service establishments in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Japan, Switzerland and Vietnam have been experiencing serious financial difficulties resulting from the severe reduction in the purchasing power of the United States dollar;

WHEREAS, such losses in purchasing power are particularly onerous for officers and employees in the Foreign Service establishments above-mentioned due to the unusually high cost of living in those countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President/Prime Minister of the Philippines, do hereby approve the recommendation of the Permanent Committee to increase the MFA Index contained in Letter of Implementation 63 insofar as the overseas and living quarters allowances for the Foreign Service posts in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Japan, Switzerland and Vietnam are concerned, as follows:

<u>Country and Post</u>	<u>Overseas Allowance</u>		<u>Living Quarters Allowance</u>	
	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Austria Vienna	155%	185%	160%	185%