

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 205, July 13, 1995]

CREATING AN OVERSIGHT AND ACTION GROUP (OAG) TO FOLLOW UP AND INSURE SUBSTANTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL FACT-FINDING AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION ON THE PROTECTION OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Philippine Government to be firmly committed to the protection of overseas Filipinos;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the abovementioned policy, the government has created the Presidential Fact-Finding and Policy Advisory Commission on the Protection of Overseas Filipinos (otherwise known as the Gancayco Commission) by virtue of Executive Order No. 231 dated 20 March 1995;

WHEREAS, the Gancayco Commission has submitted various recommendations requiring Executive and legislative actions to, among others, improve the Philippine Government's protection of overseas Filipinos; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to follow-up and ensure the effective implementation of the Commission's various recommendations designed to redound to actual benefits for overseas Filipinos.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Oversight and Action Group (OAG). There is hereby created an Oversight and Action Group (OAG) to follow-up and insure effective implementation of the Gancayco Commission's recommendations, which shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Oversight and Action Group (OAG)".

SEC. 2. Functions. The OAG shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- a) Prepare an Action Plan for the Protection of Overseas Filipinos, which shall review and translate the Gancayco Commission's recommendations into specific/detailed measures, including timetables for implementation. In the preparation of the Action Plan, the Committee shall undertake appropriate coordination with concerned departments and agencies;
- b) Oversee and cause the implementation of the Action Plan for the Protection of Overseas Filipinos;
- c) Update and/or revise the Action Plan, based on the outcome of its implementation or other doable recommendations to protect overseas Filipinos;
- d) Monitor the implementation of the Action Plan and submit