

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 194, August 28, 1990]

WHEREAS, Section 4 (b), Part B, Title III of Republic Act No. 708, as amended, otherwise known as the "Foreign Service Act of the Philippines" provides that:

"Career Ministers may serve as Minister – Counselor or Consul General or both; Foreign Affairs Officers of Class I as First Secretary or Consul General or both; of Class II, as Second Secretary or Consul or both; of Classes III and IV, as Third Secretary or Vice Consul or both . . ."
(Underscoring supplied);

WHEREAS, Section 31 (3), Chapter 9, Title Book IV of the Administrative Code of 1987, states that:

"The assignment of the other classes of Foreign Service Officers shall be as follows:

<u>Home Office</u>	<u>Diplomatic Service</u>	<u>Consular Service</u>
Class I – Chief of Division	First Secretary	Consul
Class II – Chief of Division	Second Secretary	Consul
Class III – Chief of Division	Third Secretary	Consul
Class IV – Asst. Chief of Division	Third Secretary	Vice-Consul"

WHEREAS, the Department of Budget and Management, in accordance with Section 6 of Republic Act No. 6758, has prepared the Index of Occupational Services Position Titles and Salary Grades, dated July 1, 1989, which classified Foreign Service Officers under the category of Foreign Relations Service as follows:

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Foreign Service Officer, Class IV	21
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WHEREAS, there is need to clarify and harmonize the aforesaid provisions of laws and issuance for uniformity in application and interpretation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. For purposes of uniformity in application and interpretation, the following consular ranks for Foreign Service Officers (FSO) who perform consular functions in Philippine diplomatic and consular posts abroad shall be followed: