

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 723, August 27, 1981]

REVISING THE MFA INDICES ON OVERSEAS AND LIVING QUARTERS ALLOWANCES OF FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL

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 No. 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 No. 63 authorizes the Permanent Committee created for the purpose of PD No. 1285 to recommend to the President such adjustment in the MFA Index as may be warranted by changes in the exchange rates and price levels in the affected posts of assignment;

WHEREAS, in view of the continuing world-wide serious increase in price level and decline in the purchasing power of the United States dollar against certain currencies, the officers and employees of the Philippine Foreign Service have been experiencing financial difficulties;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the officers and employees of the Philippine Foreign Service be provided with adequate financial means to be able not only to protect and advance the country's interests abroad efficiently and effectively but also to represent the country in a manner worthy of the esteem and respect of the country to which they are assigned and accredited;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby ordain the recommended revision of the Permanent Committee of the MFA Indices contained in Letter of Implementation No. 95, as follows:

Country and Post	Overseas allowance		Living Quarter allowance	
	From	To	From	To
Afghanistan, Kabul	120%	160%	130%	140%
Argentina, Buenos Aires	140%	255%	140%	250%
Australia, Canberra	140%	180%	160%	180%
Melbourne	140%	180%	140%	180%
Sydney	140%	180%	160%	180%
Austria, Vienna	185%	240%	185%	220%

Bahrain, Manama	200%	235%	200%	250%
Bangladesh, Dacca		170%		110%
Belgium, Brussels	185%	220%	185%	220%
Brazil, Brasilia	150%	160%	160%	230%
Bulgaria, Sofia	130%	160%	130%	150%
Burma, Rangoon	90%	140%	80%	100%
Canada, Ottawa	135%	160%	140%	170%
Toronto	135%	160%	140%	170%
Vancouver	135%	160%	140%	170%
Cuba, Havana		190%		160%
Chile, Santiago		180%		150%
Egypt, Cairo	110%	150%	130%	190%
Federal Republic of Germany, Bad Godesberg	235%	245%	235%	240%
Hamburg	235%	245%	235%	240%
France, Paris	195%	245%	185%	230%
Gabon, Libreville	180%	270%	180%	190%
German Democratic Republic, East Berlin	235%	245%	235%	240%
Greece, Athens	145%	200%	130%	220%
Hongkong	140%	160%	150%	270%
India, New Delhi	110%	140%	110%	130%
Indonesia, Djakarta	130%	180%	140%	170%
Menado	100%	120%	90%	110%
Tarakan	95%	120%	90%	110%
Iran, Tehran	140%	180%	160%	250%
Iraq, Bagdad	150%	190%	140%	250%
Israel, Tel Aviv	140%	180%	160%	190%
Italy, Rome (Holy Sea)	150%	190%	150%	200%
Japan, Kobe	270%	270%	270%	270%
Tokyo	270%	270%	270%	270%
Jordan, Amman		245%		350%
Kenya, Nairobi	120%	170%	140%	170%
Korea, South Seoul	120%	200%	130%	160%
Kuwait, Kuwait	200%	245%	200%	350%
Laos, Vientianne	130%	150%	80%	100%
Lebanon, Beirut		200%		180%
Libya, Tripoli	180%	270%	160%	350%
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur	125%	160%	135%	155%
Mexico, Mexico	130%	140%	130%	200%
Morocco, Rabat	140%	210%	140%	220%
Netherlands, The Hague	185%	230%	185%	220%
New Zealand, Wellington	135%	160%	135%	170%
Nigeria, Lagos	160%	250%	140%	160%