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DESIGNATING THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AS CERTIFYING AUTHORITY FOR CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN COVERING PHILIPPINE EXPORTS UNDER THE GENERALIZED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES (GSP) OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has embarked on a program to liberalize world trade, and particularly to promote and expand the export trade of developing countries through a scheme of preferences by which developed countries agree to reduce or eliminate tariff and other barriers to trade;

WHEREAS, the preference-giving developed countries have indicated their willingness to implement their respective schemes of general preferences;

WHEREAS, it will be beneficial for the Philippines to participate and take advantage of the trade opportunities under the generalized scheme of preferences; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the rules of implementation adopted by the UNCTAD, there is a need to designate a national certifying agency authorized to issue certificates of origin for products exported under the generalized scheme of preferences;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby designate the Bureau of Customs as the certifying agency of the Government of the Philippines authorized to issue certificates of origin of products exported under the UNCTAD Generalized Scheme of Preferences.

Done in the City of Manila, this 30th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-one.

(SGD.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS** *President of the Philippines*

By the President:

(SGD.) **ALEJANDRO MELCHOR** *Executive Secretary*