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TO : ALL CONCERNED CONSULS GENERAL/CONSULS OR VICE - CONSULS

SUBJECT : Requirements for the Preparation of Report of Birth (ROB) of a Child Born Abroad of Filipino Parent/s without any Foreign Documents

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The Philippines is one of the State Parties in the Convention on the Rights of a Child enacted on 26 January 1990 and ratified the same on 21 August 1990. Hence, we advocate that facts of birth of all children must be registered.

Due to the continuous increase of unreported births abroad particularly in the Middle East, the Philippine Statistics Authority in coordination with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Department of Social Welfare and Development agreed to promote and upheld the rights of the child as embodied in Article 7 of the Convention on the Rights of a Child, to wit:

"The child shall be registered immediately after birth and shall have the right from birth to a name, the right to acquire a nationality and, as far as possible, the right to know and be cared for by his or her parents."

Pursuant to the above quoted provision, the following documents are the requirements for the preparation of the ROB of Filipino children born abroad:

1. Children born to a Filipino mother without foreign documents such as medical/hospital record of birth or local birth certificate from the country where the event occurred:
 - a. Affidavit of the mother stating the circumstances and facts of birth of her child; and
 - b. Affidavit of two disinterested persons who can support the facts given by the mother
2. Children born to a Filipino mother without foreign documents such as medical/hospital record of birth or local birth certificate from the country where the event occurred, and the mother is deceased but with known facts of birth and the custody of the child is left with the father, legal guardian or any person whom the child was entrusted:
 - a) Affidavit of the father, legal guardian or any person whom the child was entrusted to; having personal knowledge of the facts of birth of the child and

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- b) A copy of the Certificate of Death of the mother.
 - c) Affidavit of two disinterested persons who can support the facts given by the informant.
3. Children born to Filipino mothers without foreign documents such as medical/hospital record of birth or local birth certificate from the country where the event occurred , and the whereabouts of the mother is unknown or the mother is missing and the custody of the child is left with the father or legal guardian or any person whom the child was entrusted:
- a) Affidavit of the father, legal guardian or any person whom the child was entrusted to; having personal knowledge of the facts of birth of the child; and
 - b) Affidavit of two disinterested persons who can support the facts given by the informant.
4. Children born to Filipino mothers without foreign documents such as medical/hospital record of birth or local birth certificate from the country where the event occurred, and the whereabouts of the mother is unknown or the mother is missing, and the custody of the child is left with any person who are not aware of the facts birth of the child:

The Philippine Foreign Service Post may conduct further investigation as to the facts of birth of the child. In case of unsuccessful compliance of the abovementioned requirements, the child shall be registered pursuant to the existing laws of the country where the child was born.

For your guidance.

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