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THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS in the Philippines

PICPA INTERNATIONAL and the Filipino CPAs' Unity Movement on Demanding the Philippine Government for Immediate Action on Memorandum of Reciprocal Agreement (MRA) between the Philippines through Philippine Board of Accountancy and the United States through the USIQAB/NASBA

Dear Fellow PICPAN/Filipino CPA,

Background

For almost **10 years** now, **PICPA International** has been working for this **MRA**. During a formal hearing on petition filed for the “Revival of CPA Reciprocity for Filipino CPAs in the State of California”, between the Officers & Members of PICPA California-San Francisco, Los Angeles, Orange County, Ventura County & San Diego Chapters, represented by **PICPA International**, in Santa Monica, California, in September, 2003, and the Members of the Board of Directors of the California State Board of Accountancy (**CSBOA**), CSBOA has acknowledged, based on their research, that the primary requirement factors for a Memorandum of Agreement (**MRA**) for CPAs with a foreign country, namely: the **3-E's: Education, Examination & Experience** had all been met by Filipino CPAs (as represented by **PICPA International**), and therefore, CSBOA had suggested instead, that in order to get the full benefit of CPA Reciprocity, the petition should be filed and requested instead, in an international level (agreement between 2 countries, instead of only the State of California).

For this reason, in the same year, 2003, **CSBOA**, has graciously endorsed the Filipino CPAs, represented by **PICPA INTERNATIONAL**, for a proposed MRA with the United States International Qualification Appraisal Board (**US-IQAB**), which is a branch of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (**NASBA**) and the American Institute of CPAs (**AICPA**), to pre-qualify for a Memorandum of Reciprocal Agreement (MRA) to practice public accountancy in the United States, and the US CPAs in the Philippines, reciprocally.

MRA Process “on-hold” due to WTO/GATS requirement

To stir Filipino CPAs' support and participation in the proposed MRA with US-IQAB, since 2004 up to May 2011, **PICPA International** has sponsored the “1st up to the 4th PICPA Global Conventions” and has been communicating closely with the **US-IQAB** by inviting the Chairman, William Treacy, as the Keynote Speaker during the 2nd PICPA Global Convention in New York City. However, US-IQAB can not start the formal processing of the MRA agreement because the Philippine Government has not complied yet with the pre-requisite which is the “inclusion of the auditing services in the practice of international public accountancy”, under its signed international trade agreement with the World Trade

Organization (**WTO**) and General Agreement on Trade and Services (**GATS**). **PICPA International** had tried several communications and follow-ups with the different government agencies in the Philippines (ie. thru the Philippine Consulate Offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles, Secretary of Dept. of Trade & Industry (**DTI**), Dept. of Foreign Affairs (**DFA**) Office of the Undersecretary of International Economic Relations (**OUIER**); Office of the President of the Philippines, (twice during Pres. **Arroyo** Administration and this is also the second time during Pres. PNoy Aquino Administration; Philippine Board of Accountancy c/o Chairman Atty. Eugene Mateo). All of the above communications were never responded by any agency of the Philippines.

THIS FORMAL PETITION NOW IS A GLOBAL MOVEMENT FOR ALL FILIPINO CPAS

That is why **PICPA INTERNATIONAL** is demanding that the Philippine Government should SUPPORT and PUSH for the creation and approval of a “Memorandum of Reciprocal Agreement (**MRA**) between the Philippine Government (to be represented by the Philippine Board of Accountancy-**PBOA**) and the United States International Qualification Appraisal board (**US-IQAB**), a branch of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (**NASBA**), and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (**AICPA**), in the practice of public accountancy between these 2 countries. We, (**PICPA INTERNATIONAL** Members), further, demand action on the Philippine Government to **sign** immediately, its “**long-been overdue**” international trade commitment to include “**auditing services**” in its “public accountancy practice” under the World Trade Organization (WTO) and General Agreement on Trade-In Services (**GATS**) requirements, to suffice the **US-IQAB’s** pre-qualifying requirement for an **MRA** petition-request by foreign CPAs to be “formally started.”. For almost a decade now, since 2003, this pre-requisite under the **WTO/GATS** requirement, has “**de-railed**” **PICPA International’s** MRA petition with US-IQAB.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CO-SIGNING PICPA INTERNATIONAL’S LETTER DEMANDING ACTION ON OUR PETITION-REQUEST FOR A MEMORANDUM OF RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT (MRA) BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED BY THE PHILIPPINE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY (PBOA), AND THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION APPRAISAL BOARD (US-IQAB)/NASBA/AICPA.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of **PICPA INTERNATIONAL** & all its Officers & Member-Chapters, we thank you all for your anticipated support ! Mabuhay to all Filipino CPAs and Mabuhay to PICPA!

For the Executive Committee, **PICPA INTERNATIONAL**

Roland Ditan,
President & Chairman
USA, Canada, Australia, Europe, Asia, Middle East & Other Foreign Countries

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