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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 2019-24

TO : ALL CONSULS/CONSUL-GENERAL
OTHER CONCERNED OFFICIALS

SUBJECT : Reporting of Vital Events Occurring Abroad

DATE : 31 January 2019

To address the numerous concerns and issues of the Office of Consular Affairs and Philippine Embassies abroad, it is now a policy that the "Reporting", contemplated in Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 1993 is not the act of registration, and is merely reportorial in character. The civil registry document, such as birth, marriage, and death, to be prepared by the Philippine Embassy should contain information already contained in the certificate or equivalent document itself issued by the foreign government where the vital event occurred, presented as supporting document or proof of the occurrence of vital event. To emphasize, what is being reported is the vital event occurring abroad as already registered therein. The fact that it may contradict Philippine Law is a matter for the courts to decide if and when a case is brought up. Until such time, the duty of Philippine Embassy abroad is faithfully report the vital events contained in the certificate or equivalent document already registered.

All other documents such as court decrees and legal instruments affecting the civil status are not covered by this Memorandum Circular. Hence, the process concerning these shall continue to operate pursuant to existing rules.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately unless sooner revoked or modified accordingly.

For your guidance and strict compliance.

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