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Attachment 1

NNC GOVERNING BOARD

Resolution No. 2, S. 2008

**ADOPTION OF THE NEW WHO CHILD GROWTH
STANDARDS FOR USE FOR CHILDREN 0-5 YEARS OLD IN
THE PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO), in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), launched the new WHO Child Growth Standards (WHO-CGS) for Children 0-5 Years Old during a seminar workshop held in Tagaytay City last June 2006, with participation from 10 countries namely: Cambodia, China, Fiji, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, Viet Nam, Japan, and the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the WHO CGS is based on the results of a Multicentre Growth Reference Study (MGRS), a longitudinal study conducted between 1997 and 2003 with sample children from a diverse set of countries i.e. Brazil, Ghana, India, Norway, Oman, and the USA in order to consider ethnic, genetic, and cultural variations in how children were nurtured;

WHEREAS, the WHO CGS sets the benchmark for growth and development of all children from birth to age 5 and defines how children should grow with a premise that any deviations from the pattern it describes are evidence of abnormal growth;

WHEREAS, complementary to the global strategy on infant and young child feeding, the WHO-CGS provides a "single international standard that represents the best description of physiological growth for all children from birth to five years of age and to establish the breastfed infant as the normative model for growth and development";

WHEREAS, adoption of the WHO CGS will give deeper meaning to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, specifically the target on the prevalence of underweight children among 0-5 years old, since the growth of Filipino children will be benchmarked on the best possibility for their growth;

WHEREAS, the NNC Technical Committee approved during its meeting on 29 November 2007 the plan of work and timetable of activities for the adoption of the new standards with the inclusion of promotional activities on the use of the new standards; a copy of which is attached;

"Sa wastong nutrisyon ni mommy, siguradong healthy si baby!"

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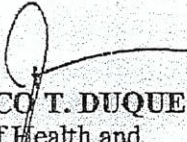
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, in consideration of the beneficial features of the WHO-CGS in assessing the growth of Filipino children, to adopt the WHO-CGS for use in the Philippines and to ensure full implementation by 2009.

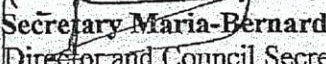
RESOLVED FURTHER, for the Department of Health, Department of Social Welfare and Development, and the Department of the Interior and Local Government to issue the appropriate agency policy instrument to ensure the use of the WHO-CGS in health, nutrition, social welfare, and other public and private institutions.

RESOLVED FURTHER, for the National Nutrition Council Secretariat to ensure that the plan of work for the adoption of the WHO-CGS is carried out as scheduled, and that appropriate information is communicated to all parties concerned, especially to users at the local level.

Approved this 27th day of June 2008, at the Lung Center of the Philippines.


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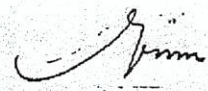
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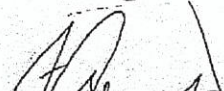
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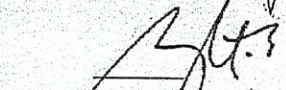
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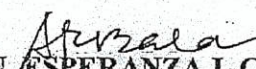

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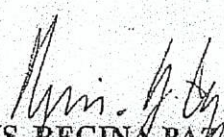

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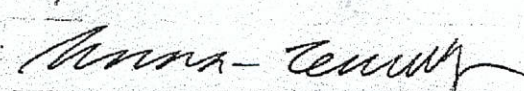

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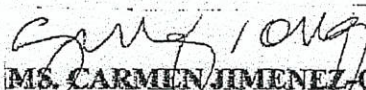

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