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SUBJECT : Moratorium on the Opening of Programs via the Open Learning and Distance Education (OL/DE) both Print and Non-Print Mode and the Monitoring and Evaluation of all Higher Education Institutions offering OL/DE programs.

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," by virtue of Commission Resolution No. 018-2002 and the implementation of Transitory Provision stated in CMO 35, Series 2000 (Article 5, Section 17) "Updated Policies and Guidelines on Open Learning and Distance Education (OLDE)," the following are hereby adopted:

1. MORATORIUM on the opening of new programs offered via OLDE

A moratorium is hereby declared in the offering of new programs via OLDE effective SY 2002-2003 pending the results of the first monitoring and evaluation to be conducted by the Technical Committee of Reviewers on the Open Learning and Distance Education (TC on OLDE). Center(s) of Excellence for OL/DE shall be exempted from this moratorium.

Any of the institutions offering OL/DE programs that are found to satisfy the requirements stated in CMO, 35, s. 2000 shall be allowed to continue to operate. Non-complying programs shall be given until November 2003 to satisfy the provisions of CMO 35, s. 2000.

Institutions with graduating students of non-complying OL/DE programs in SY 2002-2003 shall request from CHED corresponding special orders for graduation.

2. MONITORING AND EVALUATION of higher education institutions

There will be a monitoring and evaluation of all higher education institutions both public (state universities and colleges) and private offering OL/DE programs from February to August 2002. In view of this, HEIs concerned are requested to submit list of OL/DE programs being offered.

For information and compliance of everyone concerned.

Pasig City, Philippines, February 5, 2002

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