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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and has the honour to inform the latter that the Philippine Government has decided to present the candidature of Ambassador Jose S. Brillantes for re-election to the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (CMW), at elections to be held during the 4th Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW) in New York on 3 December 2009.

The welfare of migrant workers has always been of great importance and a primary concern of the Philippine Government. The Philippines is one of the pioneers and among the few countries that established high-level offices, at the Department of Labour and Employment and the Department of Foreign Affairs, primarily tasked to provide assistance to and protect and promote the rights of migrant workers abroad. Ambassador Brillantes has effectively and with dedication served in both. He was formerly Undersecretary (Deputy Minister) for Migrant Workers Affairs in the Department of Foreign Affairs and was formerly Undersecretary (Deputy Minister) and

subsequently Acting Secretary (Minister) of Labour and Employment before he joined the Department of Foreign Affairs.

The Philippine Government firmly believes that Ambassador Brillantes has proven to be an excellent member of the Committee and the Philippines, due to its pro-migrant rights image and record, is identified as an avid supporter of the work of the Committee. His uninterrupted experience in the field of migrants rights as member and Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families spanning 6 years, and his experience in the Department of Labour and Employment spanning 23 years and subsequently in the Department of Foreign Affairs as Ambassador and former Undersecretary (Deputy Minister) from 1996 to the present, would contribute substantively and effectively to the work of the Committee. The biographical data of Undersecretary Brillantes is attached.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 26 August 2009

**Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members
of Their Families (CRMW), Geneva**



Biographical data form of candidates to human rights treaty bodies
(Please respect the specified amount of lines when completing this form)

Name and first name: **BRILLANTES, Jose S.**
Date and place of birth: 04 February 1938, Manila, Philippines
Working languages: English, Pilipino, some German, some Spanish

Current position/function:
(5 lines maximum)

Currently an elected member (and Vice Chairman) of the Committee (CMW); and currently Ambassador to Canada tasked with representing the interests and upholding the rights and welfare of approximately 500,000 Filipino workers in Canada, and having initiated 4 MOUs between Canadian provinces and the Philippines protecting and promoting migrant workers rights.

Main professional activities:
(10 lines maximum)

A lawyer by profession and training, a law practitioner for 11 years and a respected diplomat for almost 40 years, presently Ambassador (AEP) to Canada and having served at Philippine embassies in Bonn, Washington D.C. and Kuala Lumpur, he pursues campaigns to protect the welfare of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) on land and sea, by extending to them all possible consular and legal assistance; represents the Philippines in international, regional, multilateral and bilateral dialogues, meetings, seminars and conferences; is resource speaker on migrant workers' affairs and concerns in symposiums and forums drawing on his background and experience as former Labor Minister, as former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, former Ambassador to Malaysia and having attended the UN sessions that passed the Convention for the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of their Families in New York, 1988-1989.

Educational Background:
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Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) Lyceum University, Dagupan City, Philippines, 2005;
Bachelor of Laws, Ateneo de Manila University Manila, Philippines (1956-1960);
Graduate Studies in Public Administration; Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada (1975-1976)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:
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As current member of the CMW Committee, examines reports of States parties; attend inter committee meetings; currently rapporteur for the Sri Lanka report (previously rapporteur for Bosnia Herzegovina and Colombia reports) all towards the pursuit of the Committee's objectives. As a diplomat and a CMW Committee member, has spoken as resource person on migration and development in the Philippines and in international fora, e.g. 2nd Global Forum on Migration and Development Manila, 2008; Lima Declaration, Peru 2006; Ministerial Conference for Countries of Origin, Colombo Sri Lanka 2003; 1st Conference on Diaspora States, Mexico City 2004; advocates the promotion and protection of migrant workers as one of the 3 pillars of Philippine foreign policy; and oversees the implementation of MOUs with Canadian provinces including job site visitations.

List of most recent publications in the field
(5 lines)

- "Políticas y mecanismos filipinos en torno a la migración y el empleo en el extranjero" Mexico City Nov. 2006.

- "Migration and Development, Opportunities and Obstacles" prepared for Dag Hammarskjöld Day, Asian Institute of Management Manila, Oct 2005.