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Mr. Chuck Mula

We have the opportunity of hearing the Philippines, who do not have a representative here, and we would adjourn for lunch at 12:15. We are on time. We can go ahead and adjourn now, have bathroom breaks, and prepare for lunch, and reconstitute at 1:15. So what is your pleasure? Philippines?

I think Philippines have it. So let us start with inviting Mr. Mula to come, and we will welcome you back this afternoon, Mr. James. Thank you.

So now we are going to take the Philippines, and Mr. Mula, do you want to make your remarks?

MR. MULA: Good morning, Mr. Chair and members of the National Committee. I will be presenting a brief summary of the report submitted by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities, Commission on Medical Education, hereinafter referred to as Commission. The material can be found at Tab I.

The most recent data available, which is dated 2007 and 2008, tells us that there are approximately 12 students in the country receiving \$173,250 in Federal student aid monies.

In March 2004, you received a comprehensive report from the country and determined that the Philippines had in operation a system for the evaluation and accreditation of medical schools that was comparable to the system used in the United States, and that the Philippines accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities, Commission on Medical Education was the designated body that is responsible for the evaluation of the quality of medical education within

the country.

You also asked for a report of the Commission's accreditation activities from 2004 to 2005.

Since the NCFMEA did not meet in September 2006 to consider the report requested at your March 2004 meeting, that report, which includes activities from 2005 through 2007, was received and accepted at your September 2007 meeting.

The report before you now covers the Commission's accrediting activities from September 2007 through December 2008. It includes the status of the country's medical schools and an overview of its accreditation activities, to include a schedule of upcoming accreditation activities through 2009.

It also affirms that there have been no changes in the country's laws and regulations or the standards, processes and procedures used by the Commission in the implementation of its accreditation activities.

Department staff concludes that the country has satisfactorily responded to the Secretary's request for information, and that there are no substantial

changes of the standards or processes that the National Committee determined to be comparable in March 2004. Department staff also concludes that the country's accreditation activities during that period appear to be consistent with this committee's guidelines.

This concludes my presentation. There are no members from the country here present at the meeting, and I will be glad to answer any questions you might have.

DR. DOCKERY: Thank you very much. Are there any questions for Mr. Mula before we go into Executive Session? We could ask our guests to depart, please.

EXECUTIVE SESSION