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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION  
AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED**

**Communication received from the Government of the Philippines**

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith a communication received from the Government of the Philippines, as set out in the annex, providing information on the new signatory for STCW certification and Seafarers' Identification and Record Books (SIRB) issued by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) on behalf of the Philippines.

The Secretary-General would be grateful if steps could be taken to bring this information to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

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ANNEX



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



**MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY**

31 October 2018

**HIS EXCELLENCY KITACK LIM**  
Secretary-General  
International Maritime Organization  
4 Albert Embankment, London  
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Your Excellency,

We wish to inform His Excellency that the undersigned has been designated as the Officer-In-Charge of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) in view of the recent changes in its management. As such, the undersigned shall be the signatory for all STCW-related certificates and Seafarers' Identification and Record Book (SIRB) effective **31 October 2018** and until further notice. Attached is Special Order No. 2018-348 reflecting the said designation.

In view of this, may we respectfully request for your assistance in disseminating the said information to all Member States of the IMO for their information and guidance.

Accept, Your Excellency, our assurances of esteem and highest consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
**VADM NARCISO A VINGSON JR**  
Officer-In-Charge

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2018-342**

**TO : VADM NARCISO A. VINGSON JR.**  
Executive Director  
Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping Office  
Maritime Industry Authority

**SUBJECT : DESIGNATION AS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE**

**DATE : 30 OCTOBER 2018**

In the exigency and best interest of the service, you are hereby designated as Officer-in-Charge for the Office of the Maritime Industry Authority.

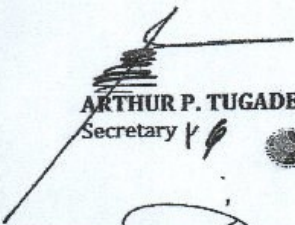
As such, you are hereby directed to facilitate and start formal turn over in coordination with Gen. Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero to ensure smooth transition in the discharge of the functions and responsibilities. You shall directly report to the undersigned on the day-to-day activities and transactions attached to the respective office. The following functions are likewise authorized pursuant to this Order, to wit:

1. Sign/approve appointments and/or contract of service for personal services;
2. Approve procurement programs, renewal of investment of funds and other investment documents, and other communications/documents;
3. Represent the Department in *ex-officio* capacity as may be attached to the position to various inter-agency meetings;
4. Delegate functions/Designate personnel.

Further, you are entitled to all emoluments authorized for an Administrator subject to the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This designation shall remain in force until a new MARINA Administrator be duly appointed.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
**ARTHUR P. TUGADE**  
Secretary



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