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APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF INDUSTRY WORKING GROUPS (IWGs) FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN FOUR (4) IDENTIFIED PRIORITY SECTORS IN AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS

WHEREAS, Section 2 of RA 7796, otherwise known as the TESDA Act of 1994, declares the policy of the State to provide relevant, accessible, high quality and efficient technical education and skills development in support of highly competitive middle-level manpower;

WHEREAS, Sec. 26 of RA 7796 provides that TESDA is to "establish effective and efficient institutional arrangements with industry boards and such other bodies or associations to provide direct participation of employers and workers in the design and implementation of skills development schemes, trade skills standardization and certification and such other functions in the fulfillment of the authority's objectives";

WHEREAS, Sec. 8 (d) (12) of RA 7796, provides that TESDA Board has the power to "create, when deemed necessary, an Advisory Committee which shall provide expert and technical advice to the Board to be chosen from the academe and private sector",

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the TESDA Board during its meeting on 15 April 2004 has endorsed favorably the approval of the establishment and operationalization of Industry Working Groups (IWGs) for Technical Education and Skills Development in Four (4) identified priority sectors in an experimental basis;

WHEREAS, in pursuit of TESDA's commitment to further enhance and broaden industry's participation in TVET, the establishment of Industry Working Groups (IWGs) is being pilot tested as part of the Philippines-Australia Quality Technical Vocational Education and Training (PAQTVET) Project;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED that the Board approves, as part of the research process and model building in TESDA, the establishment and operationalization of Industry Working Groups in four (4) identified priority sectors of health, tourism, information and communication technology and agri-fishery in an experimental basis. During the experimentation period, the existing TESDA Advisory Panel and TESDA Expert Panel for health, tourism ICT and agri-fishery will be made part of the IWG. The establishment of IWGs for the identified sectors will cover an experimentation period of two years and as such will be documented, analyzed and evaluated for possible institutionalization and replication in other sectors;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the IWGs' shall serve as the advisory committee of the TESDA Board in the four identified sectors and shall undertake the following functions:

- Provide advice to the Board in the identification of industry skills development and training needs;
- Lead in the development of national sectoral skills plans;
- Develop, regularly review, improve and promote competency standards, qualifications, curriculum exemplars and assessment guides in coordination with TESDA; and
- Actively participate in the implementation of various TVET activities such as assessment and certification and program accreditation.

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BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the Office of Apprenticeship provides Secretariat support to the IWGs and that all the TESDA Executive Offices shall work closely with the IWGs and provide them with the technical and financial assistance required to undertake the functions set out above in accordance with existing COA and DBM Rules and Regulations.

BE IT RESOLVED FINALLY that copies of this resolution be disseminated to all concerned.

Adopted on this 6th day of May 2004.

MA. ADORINDA DE JEST

Board Secretary VI

Attested by:

PATRICIA A. STO. TOMAS

Chair, TESDA Board

(Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment)