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OVERSEAS VOTING 2019: GUIDELINES FOR FILCOM, NGO and CSO ACCREDITATION AS PARTNERS OF COMELEC

COMELEC issued Resolution No. 10499 on the Guidelines for Accreditation of Filipino Community, Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) or Civil Society Organization (CSO) as Partners of the Commission on Elections in Connection with the Conduct of Overseas Voting.

The full guidelines, including the definitions of "Filipino Community," "NGO," and "CSO," and the requirements, duties, responsibilities, and restrictions thereof in connection with the conduct of overseas voting, can be viewed via this link:

https://www.comelec.gov.ph/?r=OverseasVoting/Resolutions/res10499

The period for **filing applications is from 15 February 2019 to 31 March 2019**. This period is non-extendible. The Accreditation Application Form is attached and is also available at the Consular Section of the Embassy.

The fully accomplished form must be submitted together with the List of Officers and Members of the FilCom, NGO, or CSO including the complete local addresses, active mobile phone numbers, and photocopies of valid Philippine passports of all officers and members. Please note that there may be further related guidelines issued in the future.

We remind everyone that the overseas election period is from April 13 to May 13. Voters registered with the Philippine Embassy may cast their votes at the Embassy during those dates, including weekends, from 9 am to 5 pm.

Thank you.

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