

**PHILIPPINES AND UNITED STATES
REGULATOR CONSULTATIONS
ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**WORK PROGRAM
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Introduction

The United States Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Philippines National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), recognizing the significant achievements and future efforts that are required of the NTC, have discussed mutual cooperative activities aimed at helping NTC to fulfill its objectives. To this end, the two organizations have developed the following Work Program to be accomplished during the twelve-month period.

Work Program

1. Universal Access Fund

The NTC has established a goal of providing the rural areas with access to at least the basic telephone service. The FCC will assist in developing strategies for the NTC. These strategies may include specific time lines and will take into account conditions in the Philippines.

2. Spectrum management and monitoring

The NTC has established a goal of achieving efficient and effective spectrum management and monitoring. The FCC will assist in developing policy approaches that will encourage private sector investment in wireless services.

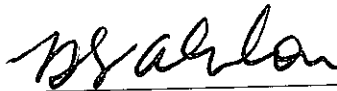
3. Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)

The Philippines has indicated in APEC that it will join the MRA in 2005 for Phase 1 and 2006 for Phase 2. The NTC has established a goal to accelerate its participation in the MRA. The FCC will assist in identifying strategies to make the Philippines ready to join the MRA.


4. Other Cooperation

During the period for the Work Program, the National Telecommunications Commission and the FCC may cooperate on other telecommunications topics to the degree useful and possible by both organizations.

Donald Abelson, FCC International Bureau Chief, is the FCC representative responsible for overall implementation of this work program. Deputy Commissioner Nestor C. Dacanay is the NTC representative responsible for such implementation.



For the Federal Communications Commission


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