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### POLICY ON PHOTOLISTING OF CHILDREN IN THE INTERNET

WHEREAS, ICAB acknowledges the difficulty to find permanent families for "waiting children";

WHEREAS, the ICAB has previously allowed the photolisting of special needs children in the internet provided that foreign adoption agencies install protective measures to ensure that the right to privacy of the special needs children is properly safeguarded;

WHEREAS, it has been noted that some adoption agencies do not comply with ICAB's requirements for protective measures concerning photolisting of special needs children in the internet;

WHEREAS, considering that the right to privacy of the children in the photolist may be compromised since anyone can have free access to the child's information;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that uploading to the internet of photos and identifying information of Filipino children by foreign adoption agencies and child caring institutions is hereby prohibited to safeguard the right to privacy of the children.

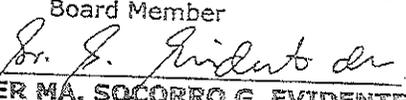
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the case of Special Needs Children only useful information that will enable the prospective adoptive parents to make an informed consent maybe uploaded to the internet.

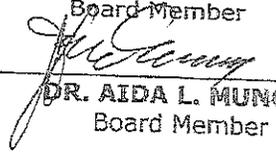
BE IT RESOLVED FINALLY that violation of this policy shall be a ground for suspension or revocation of accreditation.

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009, at Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

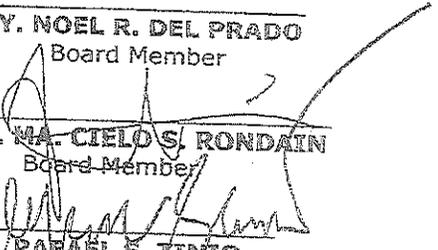
  
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