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Subject: Amending Certain Provision of MC No.22 series of 2004  
Or the "Policy Paper on De-Institutionalization of Children"

Realizing that the need to provide residential care to special group of children would be necessary and there are occasions that would require its establishment, the provision on the Letter A , paragraph 5 on the Policy Recommendations of the MC No. 22, series of 2004 is hereby amended to read as follows:

*"The government shall ensure that no new residential care facilities be established by both public and private agencies except if extremely necessary after assessment and approval of the Department of Social Welfare and Development. All social welfare and development programs shall be directed towards the development and strengthening of community-based alternative family care. Mechanisms must be in placed to facilitate the transfer of resource from residential care to family-based care. However, development of plan of action for identifying the number of children who would continue to require residential services should be made available and discharges in the institutions should exceed admissions."*

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2005.

  
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