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DISSEMINATION OF COMELEC RESOLUTION
(Calendar of Activities and Periods on Prohibited Acts in Connection with the
May 10, 2004 National and Local Elections)

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
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Regional Directors
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District Supervisors
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1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Resolution No. 6420 dated November 25, 2003 entitled "Calendar of Activities and Periods on Prohibited Acts in Connection With the May 10, 2004 National and Local Elections".

2. Your attention is invited to certain personnel actions which are prohibited during the specified period:

December 15, 2003 to June 9, 2004
(147 days before election and 30
days thereafter)

Transfer of officers and employees in
the Civil Service

March 26, 2004 to May 9, 2004
(45 days before election)

Appointment or hiring of new employees

Creation and filling up of new positions

Absolute prohibition without exemption on
promotions or giving of salary
increases, remuneration or privilege.

3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


EDILBERTO C. DE JESUS
Secretary

Encl.: As stated
Reference: None
Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND PERIODS ON PROHIBITED ACTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 10, 2004 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

PRESENT :

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| ABALOS, Benjamin S., | Chairman |
| TANCANGCO, Luzviminda G., | Commissioner |
| JAVIER, Rufino S.B., | Commissioner |
| LANTION, Ralph C., | Commissioner |
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Promulgated : 25 November 2003

RESOLUTION NO. 6420

Pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, the Omnibus Election Code (B.P. Blg. 881), Republic Act Nos. 6646, 7166, 8189, 8436, 9189 and other pertinent laws, the Commission RESOLVES to prescribe, as it hereby prescribes, the following periods of activities and prohibited acts for the May 10, 2004 national and local elections:

<u>DATE/PERIOD</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>PROHIBITED ACTS COVERED/INVOLVED</u>
July 25, 2003 (Friday) to August 5, 2003 (Tuesday)	Registration of Voters in the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao (ARMM)	

August 4, 2003
(Monday) to
October 31, 2003
(Friday)

Registration of Voters in Iligan
City/Cotabato City/Zamboanga
City & NCR

August 18, 2003
(Monday) to
November 9, 2003
(Sunday)

Registration of Voters in Other
Areas

August 4, 2003
(Monday) to
December 12, 2003
(Friday)

Validation of Voters in NCR,
Iligan City/Cotabato
City/Zamboanga City

August 18, 2003
(Monday) to
December 12, 2003
(Friday)

Validation of Voters in Other
Areas except ARMM

August 1, 2003
(Saturday) to
September 30, 2003
(Wednesday)

Registration for overseas
absentee voters (Res. No. 6183
OAV 26 May 2003)

September 30, 2003
(Tuesday)

Last day to file petition for
Registration of Parties/Sectoral
Groups

Not earlier than
November 7, 2003
(Friday)

Party convention to select and
nominate official candidates for
all positions.

December 15, 2003
(Monday) to
January 2, 2004
(Friday)

Filing of certificates of candidacy
and nomination for national and
local positions in all areas.

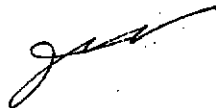
December 15, 2003
(Monday) to
June 9, 2004
(Wednesday)

ELECTION PERIOD

(147 days before
election and 30 days
thereafter)

Alteration of territory of a
precinct or establishment
of a new precinct (Sec. 5,
RA 8189).

Bearing, carrying or
transporting firearms or
other deadly weapons in
public places, including
any building, street, park,



private vehicle or public conveyance, even if licensed to possess or carry the same, unless authorized in writing by the Commission. (Sec. 261 (p) (q) (s) OEC as amended by Sec. 32, R.A. No. 7166;

Transfer of officers and employees in the Civil Service. (Sec. 261 (h) OEC);

Organization or maintenance of reaction forces, strike forces or other similar forces. (Sec. 261 (u) OEC).

Use of security personnel or bodyguards by candidates, whether or not such bodyguards are regular members or officers of the PNP or AFP or other law enforcement agency (Sec. 261 (t), OEC, as amended by Sec. 33, RA 7166)

Suspension of any elective provincial, city, municipal or barangay officials (Sec. 261 (x), OEC)

January 02, 2004
(Friday)

Last day to file manifestation to participate, in the Party List election.

Not later than
January 15, 2004
(Thursday)

Last day for substitution of candidates for all positions.

January 31, 2004

Last day to constitute the Special Ballot Reception and Custody Group



<p>Up to midday of May 10, 2004 (Monday) Election Day</p>	<p>Last day for substitution of candidates for all positions by reason of death or total incapacity.</p>
<p>March 1, 2004</p>	<p>Last day for appointment of members of the Special Board of Election Inspectors for overseas absentee voting.</p>
<p>March 16, 2004 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>Last day for appointment of members of the Boards of Election Inspectors subject to changes on account of lack of public school teachers and disqualifications due to relationships to candidates (Sec. 164, OEC, in relation to Sec. 31, RA 8189)</p>
<p>At anytime up to January 10, 2004 (Saturday)</p>	<p>Filing of petitions for inclusion of qualified voters in the List with the proper Municipal or Metropolitan Trial Courts for those whose applications for registration have been disapproved or whose names have been stricken out from the list by the Election Registration Board .</p>
<p>At anytime up to January 15, 2004 (Thursday)</p>	<p>Filing of petitions for exclusion of non-qualified registrants.</p>
<p>February 10, 2004 (Tuesday) (90 days before election day).</p>	<p>Posting of certified list of voters (Report 1B) (Sec 30, RA 8189)</p>
<p>February 10, 2004 (Tuesday) to May 08, 2004 (Saturday) (90 days before election)</p>	<p>Campaign period for President, Vice President and Senators (Sec 5, RA 7166), and political parties, organizations or coalitions participating under the party list system (Sec. 4 RA 7941) both in the Philippines and abroad.</p>

February 10, 2004
(Tuesday) to May 10,
2004 (Monday)

Giving of donations or gift
in cash or in kind, etc.
(Sec. 104, OEC)

March 10, 2004 (Friday)
to March 12, 2004
(Friday)

Notice of inspection and
verification of completeness of
the VRRs for each precinct
book of voters. (Sec. 31, RA
8189).

March 11, 2004
(Thursday) to June 10,
2004 (Thursday)
(60 days before election
and thirty (30) days
thereafter)

Illegal release of prisoners
(Sec. 261 (n) OEC)

March 13, 2004
(Saturday) to April 10,
2004 (Wednesday)

Conduct of verification and
inspection of completeness of
book of voters, and sealing
thereof. (Sec. 31, RA 8189)

March 25, 2004
(Thursday) to May 08,
2004 (Saturday)
(45 days before election)

Campaign period for
members of the House of
Representatives and elective
provincial, city and municipal
officials (Sec 3, OEC; and Sec.
11, RA 8436)

March 26, 2004 (Friday)

Last day to submit nominees in
the Party List.

March 26, 2004 (Friday)

Last day for heads of all reaction
forces, strike forces or similar
forces to submit to the
Commission a complete list of
all members thereof with such
particulars as the Commission
may require (Sec. 261 (u), OEC)

March 26, 2004
(Friday) to
May 09, 2004 (Sunday)
(45 days before election)

Appointment or hiring of
new employees. Sec.
261(g) OEC);

Creation and filling up of
new positions. (Sec. 261
(g) OEC);

Absolute prohibition with
out exemption on
promotions or giving of
salary increases,
remuneration or privilege.
(Sec. 261 (g) OEC);

Releases, disbursements or expenditures of public works and social services and development. (Sec. 261 (v) OEC);

Construction of public works, delivery of materials for public works and issuance of treasury warrants or similar devices for a future undertaking chargeable against public funds. (Sec. 261 (w) OEC).

Campaigning

April 8, 2004 (Maundy Thursday) to April 9, 2004 (Good Friday)

April 10, 2004 (Saturday)
(30 days before election)

Last day to furnish every registered voter with a Voter's Information Sheet which contains voters name, address, precinct, place where he is registered and simplified instructions as to casting of votes, an official sample ballot, and list of all registered national, provincial and city candidates to be voted in the election (Sec. 1, RA 7904)

Not later than April 25, 2004 (Sunday)

Constitution of the Municipal/City/District Provincial and Special Board of Canvassers (See Resolution No. 6325).

May 08, 2004 (Saturday)

Last day of campaigning for all positions

May 9, 2004 (Sunday),
EVE OF ELECTION
DAY

Campaigning (Sec. 3 OEC)

Selling, furnishing, offering, buying, serving or taking intoxicating liquor, etc. (Sec. 261 (dd), (1), OEC).

May 09, 2004 (Sunday)
to May 10, 2004 (Monday)

May 10, 2004 (Monday) ELECTION DAY

Giving, accepting free transportation, food, drinks and things of value (Sec. 89, OEC)

Campaigning (Sec. 5, R.A. 7166)

Campaigning (Sec.3 OEC)

Soliciting votes or undertaking any propaganda for or against any candidate or any political party within the polling place or within a radius of thirty meters thereof. Sec. 261 (cc) (6).

Selling, furnishing, offering, buying, serving or taking intoxicating liquor, etc. (Sec. 261 (dd), (1), OEC).

Giving, accepting free transportation, food, drinks and things of value (Sec. 89, OEC)

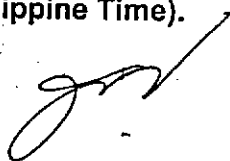
Voting more than once or in substitution of another (Sec. 261 (z)(2)and (3) OEC)

Holding of fairs, cockfights, horse races or similar sports. (Sec.261 (dd) (3) OEC

Opening of booths or stalls for the sale, etc. of merchandise, refreshments within (30) meters radius from polling place (Sec. 261 (dd)(2)OEC)

CASTING OF VOTES

On any day starting For overseas seafarers who are
12 March 2004 (host- registered voters under RA
country time up to 3:00 9189, (Overseas Absentee
o'clock PM of 10 May Voting Act).
2004 (Philippine Time).



(Art. 34, Comelec Resolution No. 6117 dated 14 May 2003).

On any day starting from 11 April 2004 (host country time up to 3:00 o'clock PM of 10 May 2004 (Philippine Time) (Art. 34, Comelec Resolution No. 6117 dated 14 May 2003). For overseas land based registered voters under RA 9189 and Resolution No. 6325

May 10, 2004 (Monday) (7:00 AM to 3:00 PM) For registered voters in the Philippines

May 10, 2004 (Monday) (6:00 PM) Convening of City/Municipal/District/Provincial, and Special Boards of Canvassers

May 11, 2004 (Tuesday) to June 10, 2004 (Thursday) Filing of sworn statements of election contributions and expenditures (Sec. 14, RA 7166)

If it shall no longer be reasonably possible to observe the periods and dates prescribed by law for certain pre-election acts, the Commission shall fix other periods and dates in order to ensure accomplishment of the activities so voters shall not be deprived of their right of suffrage. (Sec 28, RA 8436)

Comelec Resolution No. 6388 promulgated 28 October 2003 and all other previous resolutions, or any part thereof, inconsistent with this resolution are hereby amended or superseded accordingly.

This Resolution shall take effect seven (7) days following its publication in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.



The Director, Education and Information Department, this Commission, shall cause the publication of this resolution in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines and shall furnish copies thereof to all Regional Election Directors, Provincial Election Supervisors, Election Officers and all Departments, Bureaus, Offices and Agencies deputized by the Commission.

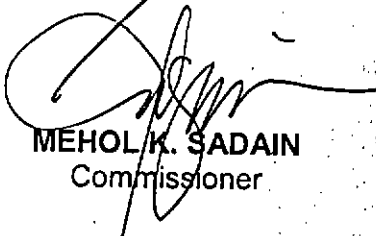
Let the Executive Director implement this resolution under the direction of the Chairman.


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