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#### **MEMORANDUM**

FOR/TO: The Director, Legal Affairs Service (Vice- Chairperson, PTWG)

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**PTWG Secretariat** 

FROM:

The OIC Director, Policy and Planning Service and Chairperson, Policy Technical Working Group

SUBJECT:

**SUMMARY OF AGREEMENTS FOR PTWG MEETING NO. 2023-07** 

**HELD ON 16 JUNE 2023, 9:30 AM VIA ZOOM** 

DATE:

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We are furnishing herewith the Summary of Agreements for PTWG Meeting No. 2023-07, which tackled the following proposed policies:

1. Draft DENR Memorandum Circular (DMC) re Revised Guidelines on the Payment of Claims for Official Local Travels

2. Draft DENR Administrative Order (DAO) re List of Classified Caves for CY 2022

For your information, please.

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SECTION 2. Objective	On the last line of the paragraph, to wit: "that will ensure the prudent use of funds for local travels," Dr. Siapno proposed this formulation: "that will ensure the prudent and optimum use of resources for local travels"

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	On Section 6.3.1. re Certificate of Appearance (CA), Dir. Eneran stated that further discussions
	on the matter will be withheld until the FMS has come up with a study regarding the inclusions in/template for the CA.
	Ms. Presbitero suggested the attachment of proofs such as receipts for accommodation, meals and transportation payments, etc. to prove that these were not provided by the host office.
	On item 7.5., first sentence, Dr. Siapno suggested adding the term "official" after the word "additional."
SECTION 7. Documentary Requirements	On item 7.1., Dir. Eneran asked the proponent to consider the print-outs of electronic plane tickets and boarding passes.
	On item 7.3., to avoid requiring numerous documents for claims for the traveling expenses of the COS/JO personnel, it was suggested that the statement certifying the necessity of the task be included in the Travel Order or the Certificate of Travel Completed, whichever is applicable.
SECTION 8. Separability Clause	Not discussed
SECTION 9. Repealing Clause	Not discussed
SECTION 10. Effectivity	Not discussed
Ways Forward	Since no agreement could be reached regarding the contentious issues raised such as the conditions for the reimbursement of claims for TNVS, inclusions in the Certificate of Appearance to prevent double payment, etc., further discussion on the proposed policy was suspended.
	The proponent shall study and consider the issues raised by the PTWG members in the revision of the draft policy.

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## b. Draft DENR Administrative Order (DAO) re List of Classified Caves for CY 2022

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Preliminary Discussions	Ms. Presbitero and Dr. Siapno suggested that since the previous DENR issuances (DMC) regarding the List of Classified Caves were not published in newspapers of general circulation, the proposed policy should cover the classified caves from 2012 until 2022.  The rationale for converting the proposed policy from a DENR Memorandum Circular to a DENR
	Administrative Order will be discussed in the Complete Staff Work (CSW).
Subject/Title	Based on various suggestions, it was agreed that the subject will be revised as "Updated Classification of Caves for CY 2012-2022."
Prefatory Statement	The prefatory statement will be revised for consistency with the subject and the period that will be covered.
SECTION 1. Objective	The provision will be reformulated to put emphasis on the importance of classification of caves and not on the inclusion thereof in the list.
SECTION 2. Cave Classification	On the further classification of caves under Class 1, Dr. Siapno suggested using a dash instead of a superscript, e.g., Class 1-A instead of Class 1 <sup>A</sup>
	Dir. Eneran instructed the proponent to discuss in the CSW the considerations for classifying caves.
SECTION 3. Additional List of Classified Caves	It was suggested that the heading be changed to "National List of Classified Caves." The list shall cover caves classified from CY 2012 to CY 2022.
SECTION 4. Separability Clause	Adopted

SECTION 5. Repealing	Adopted
Clause	
SECTION 6. Effectivity	Adopted
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Ways Forward	Dr. Siapno proposed the inclusion of a section
	on Definition of Terms.
	The PTWG recommended the approval of the
	draft policy, subject to revision based on the
	comments of the members.

The PTWG meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Prepared by the Secretariat

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