

STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

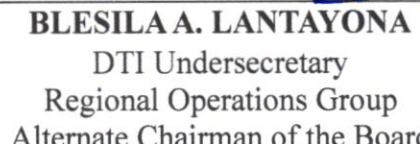
The Management of the **CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXPOSITIONS AND MISSIONS (CITEM)** is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, including the schedules attached therein, for the years ended **DECEMBER 31, 2024 and 2023**, in accordance with the prescribed financial reporting framework indicated therein, and for such internal control as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing the CITEM's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Management either intends to liquidate the CITEM or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Governors is responsible for overseeing the CITEM's financial reporting process.

The Board of Governors reviews and approves the financial statements, including the schedules attached therein, and submits the same to the stake holders and other uses.

The Commission on Audit has examined the financial statements of the **CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXPOSITIONS AND MISSIONS (CITEM)** in accordance with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions, and in its report to the Board of Governors, has expressed its opinion on the fairness of presentation upon completion of such audit.



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Date Signed



WILMA G. DULAY
OIC -Controllership

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LEAH POLIDO OCAMPO
Executive Director

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