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STIPULATION OF FACTS

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1. Ms. Flores holds a Restricted Transitional Teaching License with a Multiple Subjects Self-Contained ECE, ELE Endorsement issued August 25, 2005, valid through August 25, 2008.

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2. Ms. Flores began teaching for Morrow County School District on August 25, 2005.

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3. During the 2005 Christmas break Ms. Flores was arrested on felony charges by United States Border Protection Officers while attempting to cross the United States/Mexican border at Hidalgo port of entry attempting to smuggle three Mexican Nationals into the United States from Mexico.

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4. The three Mexican Nationals were relatives of Ms. Flores. They were children of Ms. Flores' cousin. While Ms. Flores was in Mexico to visit relations, Ms. Flores' cousin's wife pleaded with Ms. Flores to bring the children to the United States to visit their father for the holidays. Ms. Flores agreed to do so on the spur of the moment; the transportation of the children was not premeditated or planned ahead of time. During the stop at the border and during court proceedings, Ms. Flores fully cooperated with the authorities and accepted responsibility for her actions.

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5. On January 20, 2006, Ms. Flores was arraigned and the charges were reduced to misdemeanor charges of Aiding and Abetting and Alien Smuggling in the Federal District Court where she received bench probation to the Federal Magistrate.

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IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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Elisabet Flores
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5-2-06
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Victoria Chamberlain
Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

5-10-06
Date

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CONCLUSION OF LAW

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Elisabet Flores' criminal conviction and criminal conduct constitute Gross Unfitness as defined in OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e). Criminal convictions and criminal conduct, even in the absence of conviction, may be used as evidence to establish an

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1 applicant's lack of fitness to serve as an educator pursuant to OAR 584-050-0006. The
2 Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.143 and
3 ORS 342.175.

4 **ORDER**

5 Elisabet Flores' Restricted Transitional Teaching License is suspended for a period of
6 ninety (90) days effective on May 12, 2006. At the end of this suspension period, Ms. Flores'
7 Restricted Transitional Teaching License may be reinstated upon submission of a complete
8 application and fees pursuant to OAR 584-050-0015(3).

9 Upon the reinstatement of licensure, Ms. Flores shall be placed on probation by the
10 Commission for a period of three (3) years, subject to the following conditions:

11 1. Ms. Flores shall comply with all Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of
12 Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 584, Division 020; and

13 2. Ms. Flores shall provide information as requested by the Commission to verify that
14 she has complied with the conditions of probation, including a statement from a future
15 employing district that she has complied with the Standards for Competent and Ethical
16 Performance of Oregon Educators.

17 Violation of the terms of this probation may constitute an independent basis for the
18 Commission to impose discipline, up to and including revocation of Ms. Flores' teaching license
19 subject to Ms. Flores' right to a hearing on the issue of whether she violated probation.

20 IT IS SO ORDERED this 15 day of May, 2006.

21 ~~TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION~~

22 By: 
23 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

24 Approved as to form:

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Attorney for Elisabet Flores

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