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LIFTING OF THE BAN ON DEPLOYMENT AGAINST SAUDI ARABIA

By virtue of the Powers vested in me under Section 8 and its subsection (k) of Republic Act No. 11641, viz:

“(k) At any time, terminate, suspend, or impose a total ban on the deployment of migrant workers, when upon his or her assessment, after consultation with the advisory board on migration and development and the Secretary of the DFA in consonance with Republic Act No. 8042, as amended, the conditions in the receiving country or region are inimical and not protective of the best interest, welfare, and safety of migrant workers;

and **upon my assessment**, after written consultations with the advisory board on migration and development and the Secretary of the DFA in consonance with Republic Act No. 8042, as amended, where only the Secretary of Labor and Employment opined that DOLE is not inclined to lift the suspension of documentary processing, while the others failed and/or refused to give an opinion on whether or not the KSA ban should be lifted, **and keeping mind** the uncounted dashed dreams of OFWs who came to the National Capital Region only to be blocked by the said ban against verification of documents for domestic workers, the very many recruitment agencies who have given up and discontinued their businesses, and the possible jeopardy of the entire labor market in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) composed of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, and Oman, **that the national interest and the interests of OFWs as well as the recruitment industry would best be served thereby**,

I HEREBY COMPLETELY LIFT THE INSTRUCTION TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE VERIFICATION OF NEW HIRES OF DOMESTIC WORKERS TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

Henceforth, until further orders, the verification and processing of applications for employment contracts of Filipino Domestic Workers in Saudi Arabia may resume and proceed.

DONE, this 25th day of April 2022 in the City of Mandaluyong, Metro Manila.


ABDULLAH D. MAMA-O

Secretary
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