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Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) Program of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

The Department of Foreign Affairs has informed the Department of Labor and Employment, copy furnished this Administration that the Philippine Ambassador to Romania had discussed with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) of Romania Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) program of the IOM.

AVRR is aimed for the orderly and humane return and integration of migrants who are unable and unwilling to remain in host or transit countries and wish to return voluntarily to their countries of origin. Beneficiaries include individuals whose application for asylum was rejected or withdrawn, stranded migrants, victims of trafficking, and other vulnerable groups.

The program is a possible option for Filipino Overseas Workers in Romania who are unable to find a new employer within 90 days upon termination of their contracts or when their employer fails to process a new working permit within the specified period to return to the Philippines. Plane tickets, accommodation and a possible reintegration grant are provided for approved repatriation cases.

Further information on AVRR may be accessed through the following link: https://www.iom.int/assisted-voluntary-return-and-reintegration.

A brochure on the Foreign Citizens' Access to Rights and Services in Romania from IOM is likewise provided in addition to the program which contains information on the rights, responsibilities, and services accessible to migrants in Romania as well as other useful information for Filipino nationals living and working in Romania.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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