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**GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 03
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WHEREAS, Governing Board Resolution No. 04, dated 7 October 2008 declared a "high risk" zone within the Gulf of Aden to address the concerns for the welfare of Filipino seafarers transiting said area against the spate of piracy and hostage-taking incidents occurring therein;

WHEREAS, despite the foregoing measure, the Governing Board noted that an increasing number of pirate attacks has been occurring outside the declared high risk zone as defined in Resolution No. 4;

WHEREAS, reports of continued pirate attacks off the Kenyan coastline and the port of Mombasa are indications that pirates in the Gulf of Aden continue to adapt their techniques and procedures in order to achieve success in capturing vessels both in the Gulf of Aden as well as in the open ocean off the east coast of Somalia, which has prompted the International Maritime Employers' Committee, Ltd. (IMEC) to take additional precautions and risk assessments by designating new coordinates defining the high-risk zone area.

NOW, THEREFORE the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, and further to POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 04, **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**

1. To adapt the expanded high-risk zone coordinates as defined by the International Maritime Employers' Committee, Ltd. (IMEC) north and south of the existing area, to Yemeni coast in the north and to 12 miles off the northern coast of Somalia in the south, also encompassing the Island of Suqutra.
2. The western border of the expanded high risk zone runs from the coastline at the border of Djibouti and Somalia to position 12° 15'N, 45°E; from 12°35'N, 45°E to Mayun Island in the Bab El Mandeb Straits.
3. The eastern border runs from Rhiy di-Irisal on Suqutra Island to position 14°35'N, 53°E from 14°45'N, 53°E to the coastline at the border between Yemen and Oman.


All other provisions of Resolution No.4 not inconsistent with this Resolution shall continue to apply to all Filipino seafarers.

Done in the City of Mandaluyong this 11th day of February 2009.

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