

GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 07
Series of 2009

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to afford full protection to labor, local and overseas, to protect the rights of workers and to promote their welfare;

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation. Accordingly, it shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development;

WHEREAS, Governing Board Resolution No. 08, Series of 2007, provides for a total ban on deployment of Filipino workers to specific countries, among them Lebanon, due to the unstable peace and order situation in those countries;

WHEREAS, Governing Board Resolution No. 06, Series of 2008, declared a temporary lifting of the ban to Lebanon for the Christmas season of 2008 and to allow the processing and deployment of returning Filipino workers who are on vacation and are going back to work with the same employer in the same site;

WHEREAS, Governing Board Resolution No. 02, Series of 2009, allowed the processing and deployment as Balik-Manggagawa of Filipino workers from Lebanon who are coming home to attend the graduation ceremonies of their children starting March 2009 and returning to the same employer not later than May 15, 2009;

WHEREAS, in the two previous instances that the POEA Governing Board granted vacation passes for the Filipino workers from Lebanon, the workers were able to renew their ties with their families and fulfill their familial obligations, thus satisfying the objectives for which the vacation passes were granted;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Embassy in Lebanon through Ambassador Gilberto G.B. Asuque, in a letter dated 08 May 2009, requested that Filipino workers in Lebanon, who were legally deployed before the imposition of the total deployment ban on 18 June 2007 be allowed to visit their families in the Philippines until the end of 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to grant the above-mentioned request for the processing of these workers as Balik-Manggagawa until 15 January 2010, provided:

1. The worker requesting to come home from Lebanon was processed by the POEA prior to the issuance of the ban on deployment on 18 June 2007 and is

returning to the same employer in Lebanon with a valid and existing employment contract, and

2. Household Service Workers (HSW) must possess an employment contract that is fully compliant with the provisions of the HSW Reform Package.

The POEA is directed to prepare the guidelines for the implementation of this temporary lifting of the ban on deployment to Lebanon.

Done in the City of Mandaluyong this 11th day of May 2009


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