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## GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 11

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

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, our Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) endure the hardships and sacrifice of working overseas far from home and their loved ones, in order to improve the quality of life of their families.

WHEREAS, our Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) deserve the opportunity to participate in and celebrate ceremonial educational milestones in the lives of their children and to take pride in their hard work and sacrifice which have made such milestones possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in Lebanon who will be coming home to attend the graduation ceremonies of their children shall be allowed to process their documents as Balik-Manggagawa or returning workers under Temporary Pass to enable them to return to their employment in Lebanon, subject to the following conditions:

- The worker has a valid and existing employment contract that is compliant with the provision of the HSW Reform Package on the US \$ 400.00 salary and is returning to the current employer in Lebanon;
- That the worker has a confirmed return airline ticket within the period of the 2010 Graduation Pass.

The POEA is directed to strictly implement this temporary pass which shall be effective and applicable only to OFWs arriving from Lebanon to witness the graduation ceremonies of their children, starting 1 March 2010 and returning to the same employer not later than 15 May 2010.

Done in the City of Mandaluyong this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010.

POEA GB Resolution No.: 01 Series of 2010 MARIANITO D. ROQUE Secretary of Labor and Employment and Chairman of the Governing Board

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