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## GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. Series of 2012

WHEREAS, DOLE Department Order No. 88, Series of 2008 issued on 17 January 2008 temporarily suspended the deployment of household service workers to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, in view of the growing number of distressed Filipino workers seeking assistance in the Filipino Workers Resource Center in said country effective 21 January 2008 and until further notice;

WHEREAS, DOLE Department Order No. 93-08, Series of 2008 dated 08 July 2008 was likewise issued allowing a partial exemption from the temporary suspension for household service workers returning to the same employer in said host country, provided that the salary of the returning household workers shall in no way be lower than the prescribed monthly pay of US\$400;

WHEREAS, POEA Advisory No. 01, Series of 2011 was issued on 13 January 2011 reiterating the temporary suspension of deployment of newly hired household service workers to Jordan, except those returning to the same employer;

WHEREAS, Jordan is one of countries certified as compliant to the guarantees required under Republic Act 10022 as contained in POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 06, Series of 2011;

WHEREAS, the number of distressed HSWs at the Filipino Resource Center in Jordan has considerably decreased, most of which are undocumented.

WHEREAS, the governments of the Philippines and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan have signed the Principles and Controls for Regulating Deployment and Employment of Filipino Domestic Workers on January 29, 2012, which provides the general procedures on the recruitment of household service workers, employment standards, dispute settlement and manpower development;

WHEREAS, the said Principles and Controls likewise clearly provides for the common rights between workers and employers, as well as mechanisms which will further protect and promote the welfare of Filipino Domestic Workers;

WHEREAS, the Philippines and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in a meeting held in Amman, Jordan on 24 May 2012 agreed on a Standard Employment Contract (SEC) for Filipino Household Service Workers (HSWs) bound for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and have signed the Minutes of Meeting thereto;

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NOW, THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, RESOLVES, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to adopt the new Standard Employment Contract (SEC) for Filipino Domestic Workers bound for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

**RESOLVES FURTHER** to lift the temporary suspension of deployment of newly hired HSWs bound for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

**RESOLVES, FINALLY,** to direct the POEA to issue the implementing guidelines on the accreditation of principals and employers, processing of contracts and documentation of HSWs.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of October 2012.

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