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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 08
Series of 2012

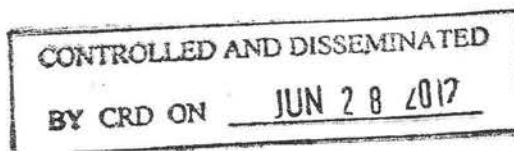
WHEREAS, on the basis of the certifications by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), POEA Governing Board Resolutions Nos. 2 Series of 2011, published on May 26, 2011 in newspapers of general circulation and on May 17, 2011, with the UP Law Center; Governing Board Resolution No. 06 Series of 2011 published on November 03, 2011 in newspapers of general circulation and on November 03, 2011 with the UP Law Center; and the recent GB Resolution No. 7, Series of 2012 published on May 24, 2012 in newspapers of general circulation and on May 22, 2012 with the UP Law Center, were issued allowing the deployment of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) to one hundred fifty-five (155) countries certified as Compliant with the guarantees on the protection of the rights of foreign workers provided under Section 2 of RA 10022 (list attached);

WHEREAS, based on DFA certifications, POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 07 series of 2011 was issued on 28 October 2011 listing 41 countries which are not compliant with the protection guarantees specified under the law;

WHEREAS, on the basis of a DFA communication recalling the negative certifications of the 41 non-compliant countries for further review by the certifying posts, POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 08, series of 2011, was issued on 10 November 2011 providing for the recall of POEA GBR No. 7 and a 90-day suspension of the implementation of the deployment ban to the countries initially certified as non-compliant;

WHEREAS, the Congressional Committee On Overseas Welfare Affairs (CCOWA) set 12 April 2012 as the deadline for the submission of certification for the countries earlier certified by DFA as non-compliant and partially-compliant with the guarantees on the protection of the rights of foreign workers provided by law;

WHEREAS, on the basis of a DFA communication to POEA dated 24 May 2012 regarding the April 12, 2012 deadline given by the CCOWA for the certification of non-compliant and partially-compliant countries pursuant to Section 3 of RA 10022, citing the guidelines from the CCOWA, quoted hereunder:



“On partially-compliant countries – Countries certified by DFA as partially-compliant shall be considered as “Compliant without prejudice to negotiations for the protection of household service workers.” Under this qualification, POEA may continue deployment to these countries and DFA will continue to negotiate for the better protection of household service workers even beyond 12 April 2012.”

these countries shall be considered “compliant without prejudice to negotiations for the protection of the rights of household service workers” and / or other categories of workers for the purpose of continuing deployment to these countries.

WHEREAS, the Department of Foreign Affairs informed the Board in a letter dated 27 June 2012 that the certifications for Libya and Iraq are currently being reviewed in the light of latest developments that may lead to the amendment of their respective certifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** to include in the list of compliant countries the following countries without prejudice to negotiations for the protection of the rights of household service workers and / or other categories of workers:

1. Algeria
2. Bahrain
3. Bangladesh
4. Bhutan
5. Botswana
6. China
7. Dominican Republic
8. East Timor/Timor Leste
9. Iran
10. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
11. Kiribati
12. Kuwait
13. Kyrgyz Republic/Kyrgyzstan
14. Lesotho
15. Maldives
16. Micronesia
17. Mongolia
18. Montenegro
19. Mozambique
20. Panama
21. Papua New Guinea
22. Qatar

23. Serbia
24. Solomon Islands
25. Sri Lanka
26. Syria
27. Swaziland
28. Tajikistan
29. Turkmenistan
30. United Arab Emirates
31. Yemen
32. Zambia

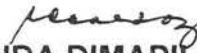
RESOLVES FURTHER that a copy of this resolution shall be furnished the Department of Foreign Affairs for purposes of commencing the process of negotiations for the protection of the rights of household service workers and / or other categories of workers.


RESOLVES FURTHER that the Board notes that it has yet to receive the certifications for the Vatican and Monaco from the Department of Foreign Affairs.

RESOLVES FURTHER that the Board notes that the Department of Foreign Affairs has yet to complete the review of its previous certification issued for Iraq and Libya.

RESOLVES FINALLY that those countries which are not included in the list of compliant countries as enumerated herein and in GBR Nos. 02 and 06, Series of 2011 and GBR No. 07, Series of 2012, are deemed non-compliant in accordance with Section 04 of RA 8042 as amended by RA 10022. Accordingly, deployment of all workers to these countries is not allowed.

Done in the City of Manila this 28th day of June 2012.


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