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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 27
Series of 2014

WHEREAS, on 27 February 2013, POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 02, Series of 2013 was issued effectively allowing the processing and deployment of all OFWs, both returning and newly hired, to Yemen on the basis of a communication dated 29 January 2013 from the DFA informing the DOLE that it is lowering the Alert Level in Yemen from Alert Level 2 to Alert Level 1 in the light of the current security situation in the said country;

WHEREAS, in a communication dated 09 December 2013, the DFA informed the DOLE that it has again raised the alert level in Yemen to Alert Level 3 (Voluntary Repatriation) due to the escalation of domestic violence in the country in the aftermath of the 05 December 2013 attack on the Yemeni Ministry of Defense that killed fifty-two (52) people, which included seven (7) Filipinos and leaving other eleven (11) Filipino workers injured in the said attack;

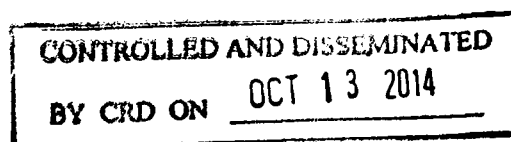
WHEREAS, on 10 December 2013, GBR No. 12, Series of 2013 was issued re-imposing a total deployment ban on the processing and deployment of all OFWs to Yemen, both returning and newly-hired;

WHEREAS, in view of a general improvement of the political situation and environment following the signing of the southern Yemen solution document as well as a truce in northern Yemen between the Houthis and Salafis, the DFA recommended on 01 February 2014 the lowering of the Crisis Alert Level to Alert Level 2 (Restriction);

WHEREAS, on 13 February 2014, GBR No. 02, Series of 2014 was issued to allow the redeployment of returning Filipino workers to Yemen, subject to proof of existing employment as determined by POEA and that the deployment ban for newly-hired OFWs shall be maintained;

WHEREAS, the DFA in its letter dated 02 October 2014 informed the DOLE that it raised the Crisis Alert Level in Yemen from Alert Level 2 to Alert Level 3 (voluntary repatriation with total deployment ban including returning OFWs) in view of the following:

1. While the current situation in Sana'a, Yemen is relatively peaceful following the signing of the UN - brokered agreement between the Houthi rebels and the Yemeni government on 21 September 2014, Houthi forces remain in Sana'a and have imposed their control on checkpoints and some government buildings. They also continue to enter the homes of previous Ministers who they have targeted and identified as corrupt or pro-Islah, the country's main Islamist Sunni party and the Houthis' biggest rival;



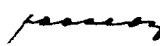
2. The Peace and Partnership Agreement between the government and the Houthis is complex and difficult to implement. The country's future therefore remains uncertain; and
3. The UN Special Envoy's senior political adviser has not dismissed the possibility that other groups such as the Hiraak Movement (separatists) in the country's south, Sunni salafists and the Islah Party, and the terrorist group Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) will try to take advantage of the unsettled situation. Thus, the security situation in the country remains unpredictable.


WHEREAS, the DFA further cited in the same letter that Alert Level 3 is issued when violent disturbances or external aggression occur in a limited area and that Filipino in this area are enjoined to return to the Philippines and the DOLE automatically imposes absolute deployment ban; and

WHEREAS, under Alert Level 3, a total deployment ban on the processing and deployment of all workers is imposed.

NOW THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to impose a total ban on the processing and deployment of all OFWs to Yemen, both returning and newly hired, effective immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of October 2014.


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