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## GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO.

Series of 2015

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10022 authorizes the POEA Governing Board, after consultation with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), to impose a ban on the deployment of Filipino migrant workers in pursuit of national interest or when public welfare so requires;

WHEREAS, POEA Governing Board Resolution (GBR) No. 14, Series of 2014 dated 04 July 2014 was issued imposing a temporary suspension on the processing and deployment of newly-hired OFWs toGuinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, and allow the processing and deployment of vacationing/ returning workers thereto due to the spread of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in the said countries;

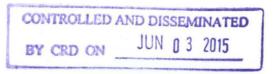
WHEREAS, POEA Governing Board Resolution (GBR) No. 28, Series of 2014 was issued on 08 December 2014 imposing a total deployment ban for all OFWs bound for Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone and instructing all Filipinos in the said countries to return to the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in its letter dated 08 January 2015, DFA maintained crisis Alert Level 3 in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, with the recommendation to maintain the 21-day mandatory quarantine for returning OFWs from the 3 Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) affected countries;

WHEREAS, on 22 January 2015, POEA issued GBR No. 01, Series of 2015 allowing the processing and deployment of returning workers of UN-related organizations or international non-government/civil society organizations bound for Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea provided they execute a statement that they are returning to the EVD-affected countries against government advice and for their employer/agency/organization to issue an undertaking that they will be responsible for the treatment and repatriation of the returning Filipinos in the event that they are infected with Ebola Virus Disease; and

WHEREAS, on 16 May 2015, the DFA has decided to lower the Alert Level from Level 3 (Voluntary Repatriation) to Level 1 (Precautionary Phase) in Liberia in view of the declaration of the World Health Organization (WHO) on 09 May 2015 that said country is Ebola-free.

**NOW,THEREFORE**, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to lift the deployment ban in Liberia and to resume the processing and deployment thereto of all Filipino workers, to include both vacationing and new hires.



Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2015.

ROSALINDA DIMAPILIS-BALDOZ Secretary of Labor and Employment and Chairperson of the Board

HANS LEO J. CACDAC Administrator and Vice-Chairperson of the Governing Board

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