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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 07
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, on 13 January 2012, the POEA Governing Board issued Resolution No. 1, Series of 2012, based on Crisis Alert Level 3 imposed by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) on South Sudan due to worsening political and security conditions in the country thereby prohibiting the deployment of workers thereto;

WHEREAS, on 22 March 2012, the POEA Governing Board issued Resolution No. 6, Series of 2012, lifting the total deployment ban on South Sudan due to the lowering of the Crisis Alert Level by the DFA, from Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 1;

WHEREAS, on 24 December 2013, POEA issued Governing Board Resolution No. 14, Series of 2013 reinstating the total deployment ban on South Sudan based on Crisis Alert Level 3 reimposed by DFA on the said country due to deteriorating peace and order conditions brought about by continuing ethnic violence therein;

WHEREAS, in a letter sent by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to the DFA dated 24 June 2015, the JICA reported that the security situation has stabilized under the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and the United Nations in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS). It also confirmed its own safety plans for employees in South Sudan;

WHEREAS, in a letter of 06 July 2015, the DFA cited the Philippine government's earlier decision to allow personnel of international organizations to return to South Sudan which is currently under Crisis Alert Level 3, on the condition that employers assume responsibility for the timely and safe evacuation of their Filipino workers should the security situation demand the same;


WHEREAS, in the same letter, DFA likewise recommended that POEA process the work contracts of newly-hired and returning OFWs employed by Dai Nippon Construction for deployment solely to Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)-funded projects of the Nile River Bridge and the implementation of Water Supply System in Juba, South Sudan; and

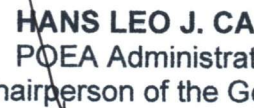
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WHEREAS, in another communication dated 23 September 2015, DFA reiterated its recommendation to process the work contracts of Filipinos, for both new hires and returning workers, employed by JICA under Dai Nippon Construction's project of the Nile River Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to allow the processing and deployment of newly-hired and returning Filipino workers employed by Dai Nippon Construction for deployment solely to Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)-funded projects of the Nile River Bridge and the implementation of Water Supply System in Juba, South Sudan, subject to employer's assumption of responsibility for the timely and safe evacuation of their Filipino workers should the security situation demand the same.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 21st day of October 2015.


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


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POEA Administrator and
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Department of Foreign Affairs

OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR MIGRANT WORKERS AFFAIRS
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6 July 2015

Dear Administrator Cacdac,

We refer to the Philippine Government's earlier decision to allow personnel of international organizations to return to South Sudan, currently under Alert Level 3, on the condition that they assume responsibility for the timely and safe evacuation of Filipino employees should the security situation demands the same. These international organizations are the Norwegian Refugee Council, Save the Children, and the Non-Violent Peaceforce.

In its letter dated 24 June 2015, a copy of which is enclosed, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) informed this Department of their intention to resume their projects in South Sudan after it determined that the security situation has stabilized under the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and the United Nations in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS). It confirmed that it has its own safety plans for its employees in that country.

JICA employs Filipino employees in its construction projects under Dai Nippon Construction. In this regard, this Department recommends that the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) process the work contracts of Filipinos employed by JICA under Dai Nippon Construction in relation to its construction of the Nile River Bridge and the Implementation of Water Supply System in Juba in South Sudan. We have conveyed a similar recommendation to the Bureau of Immigration.

Should you need to contact us on this matter, please do not hesitate to do so.

Sincerely yours,


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Enclosure: as stated

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