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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 02
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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 to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone due to the outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in the said countries, and allow the processing and deployment of vacationing/ returning workers thereto;

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 a Memorandum dated 08 January 2015 addressed to the Honorable President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III, copy furnished the Honorable Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz, 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 three 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 returning Filipinos in the event that they get afflicted with Ebola Virus Disease;

WHEREAS, on 16 May 2015, the DFA likewise lowered the Alert Level from Level 3 (Deployment Ban and 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 the said country is Ebola-free;

WHEREAS, on 14 November 2015, the DFA lowered the Alert Level in Sierra Leone from Level 3 (Deployment Ban and Voluntary Repatriation) to

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Level 1 (Precautionary Phase) in view of the declaration of the WHO on 07 November 2015 that the said country is likewise Ebola-free; and

WHEREAS, on 05 January 2016, the DFA lowered the Alert Level in Guinea from Level 3 (Deployment Ban and Voluntary Repatriation) to Alert Level 1 (Precautionary Phase) in view of the declaration of the WHO on 29 December 2015 that the 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 on Guinea and resume the processing and deployment thereto of all Filipino workers, to include both vacationing and new hires, subject to the issuance of appropriate advice to Filipino workers therein to take precautionary measures during their stay in the said country which is under Alert Level 1.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 22 day of January 2016.

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