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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 03
Series of 2016

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, which was again imposed by DFA on the said country due to deteriorating peace and order conditions brought about by continuing ethnic violence therein;

WHEREAS, in a letter dated 06 July 2015 addressed to Honorable Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac, 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 another letter dated 07 January 2016 addressed to Honorable Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz, the DFA reiterated that South Sudan is under Alert Level 3 (Voluntary Repatriation Phase) and as such, the travel and deployment ban on all overseas Filipino workers is maintained. However, Filipinos working for the United Nations, other international organizations and international NGOs with travel clearance from the DFA may travel and temporarily stay in South Sudan; and

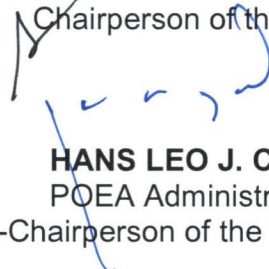
WHEREAS, in the same letter, DFA recommended that POEA process the work contracts of OFWs employed by Pacific Architects and Engineers Incorporated (PAE) in its projects with the US State Department in South Sudan under the Flight Ops Support Program.

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NOW, THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to allow the processing and deployment of all Filipino workers employed by PAE under the latter's contract with the US State Department in South Sudan for its Flight Ops Support Program, subject to employer's assumption of responsibility for the timely and safe evacuation of their Filipino workers should the security situation demand the same and issuance of a travel clearance from the DFA.

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


ROSALINDA DIMAPILIS-BALDOZ
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Chairperson of the Board


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