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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 13 Series of 2016

WHEREAS, the Filipino seafarers continue to be the most sought after in the world, owing to their competence, industry, honesty and adaptability;

WHEREAS, the POEA has established a Seafarer's Registry in order to maintain a pool of qualified seafarers and to have an essential source of valuable input to policy research such as supply and demand analysis;

WHEREAS, seafarers are given a Seafarer's Registration Certificate Card with their perpetual ID number, for purposes of easy access to POEA personal records and efficient processing of employment documents;

WHEREAS, the Maritime Labor Convention, 2006 recommends the member states to maintain an arrangement for the collection and analysis of all relevant information on the maritime labor market, including the current and prospective supply of seafarers that work as crew classified by age, sex, rank and qualifications;

WHEREAS, the International Labour Organization adopted Seafarer's Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003 (No. 185), which introduced modern security features into the seafarer's ID, that shall be recognizable to all members accessing the ID Cards through the implementation of ICAO Documents 9303;

WHEREAS, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) is the issuing authority for a Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB) in compliance with ILO Convention No. 108, 1958, which serves as the Filipino seafarer's identification document and record of his/her service on board ships;

WHEREAS, the MARINA is also tasked to implement ILO Convention No. 185 or the Seafarers' Identity Document Convention;

WHEREAS, the direction is to have a universal ID system for seafarers that is acceptable to all government agencies and Port States in compliance with relevant conventions;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has issued a directive to review all systems and requirements of all government agencies, to avoid duplication and facilitate delivery of services and eliminate queuing;

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NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, hereby RESOLVES the following:

- 1. That the POEA should coordinate with the MARINA for the purpose of database sharing and development of a universal ID system for seafarers;
- 2. That the POEA shall develop an on-line registration for seafarers by 15 September 2016, until the universal ID system is in place;
- 3. That the POEA shall conduct an extensive information dissemination campaign to the seafarers and licensed manning agencies before the implementation of the on-line registration system for seafarers.

The POEA shall develop guidelines to implement this Resolution.

Done in the City of Manila, this 4th day of August 2016.

Secretary of Labor and Employment Chairman of the Governing Board

> HANS LEO J. CACDAC Vice-Chairman

Member

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