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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION No. 05-A Series of 2018

WHEREAS, Republic Act 10022 authorizes the POEA Governing Board, after consultation with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), may, at any time, terminate or impose a ban on the deployment of Filipino migrant workers in pursuit of national interest or when public welfare so requires;

WHEREAS, on 15 June 2017, in response to the report of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) regarding the continuing maltreatment and abuse of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia, the POEA issued Advisory No. 6, blacklisting Chuuk State Hospital;

WHEREAS, the DFA in its letter dated April 05, 2018, strongly recommended the total ban on the deployment of Filipino workers to the Federated States of Micronesia unless it settles the unresolved cases and improves the working conditions of OFW;

WHEREAS, on 17 August 2018, acting on the recommendation of the DFA, the POEA Governing Board decided to impose a total deployment ban as embodied in Governing Board Resolution (GBR) No. 05, Series of 2018;

WHEREAS, several OFW groups through letters addressed to the President and the DOLE Secretary clamor for the lifting of the deployment ban which was evaluated by POEA;

WHEREAS, upon consultation by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) through Undersecretary Sarah Lou Y. Arriola of the Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs, the latter recommended the lifting of the deployment ban only with respect to Balik-Manggagawa;

WHEREAS, POEA Governing Board hereby amends the 17 August 2018 Governing Board Resolution No. 5 by allowing the processing and deployment of returning/Balik-Manggagawa and imposing a temporary suspension on the processing and deployment of newlyhired OFWs bound for Federated States of Micronesia, without prejudice to the total lifting of the ban;

NOW THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, hereby amends the said POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 05, Series of 2018 by allowing the processing and deployment of returning workers/Balik-Manggagawa's and imposing a temporary suspension on the processing and deployment of newly-hired OFWs bound for Federated States of Micronesia subject to continuing coordination with DFA in the monitoring of the status and welfare of the OFWS in the Federal States of Micronesia.

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that the ban does not cover the deployment, port of call, embarkation and disembarkation of seafarers to the Federated States of Micronesia.

For immediate compliance.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of September 2018.

Secretary of Labor and Employment and Chairperson of the POEA Governing Board

BERNARD P. OLALIA

Administrator and

Vice-Chairperson of the POEA Governing Board

ESTRELITA'S, TAZON

FELIX M. OCA Member

BY CRD ON 0 3 OCT 2018