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## GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 1 Series of 2019

WHEREAS, Section 4 of RA 8042, as amended by RA 10022 provides that the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) should issue a certification specifying the countries as compliant with any of the conditions on the deployment of Filipino workers;

**WHEREAS**, in all certifications issued by the DFA, South Sudan is not included as one of the countries that is compliant;

WHEREAS, based on the communication of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) dated 16 March 2018 on the review of Post's certification pursuant to Section 3 of RA 10022, the DFA has confirmed that South Sudan is Non-Compliant due to current unstable peace and security therein;

WHEREAS, the DFA, in a letter reply of 02 July 2019 on POEA's clarification on the alert level in Sudan, indicated that South Sudan is another country which is under Alert Level 4;

WHEREAS, upon POEA's request for further advice/clarification on the alert level in South Sudan, the DFA reiterated in its letter of 09 September 2019 that the country is under Alert Level 4 since 19 July 2016 and its alert level has not been lowered to date; and

WHEREAS, the DFA recommended the raising of the alert level in the Republic of South Sudan from Alert Level 2 (Restriction Phase) to Alert Level 4 (Mandatory Repatriation) due to an upsurge in violence that erupted between forces allied to President Salva Kiir (the leader of Sudan People's Liberation Army or SPLA) and of the Protection Unit from the SPLA-in Operation (SPLA-IO) of Vice President Riek Machar.

NOW, THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to impose a total ban on the processing and deployment of all OFWs bound for South Sudan, until further notice.

All policies and issuances inconsistent with this Governing Board Resolution are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 24th day of September 2019.

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

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