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**GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 01
Series of 2020**

WHEREAS, under Section 6 of the implementing rules of Republic Act 10022, the POEA Governing Board, after consultation with the DFA, may, at any time, terminate or impose a ban on the deployment of migrant workers;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) after consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) issued Administrative Order No. 25, Series of 2018 dated 19 January 2018 directing the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) to suspend the processing of Overseas Employment Certificates (OEC) for deployment in Kuwait pending the investigation of the cause of deaths of the following Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in Kuwait, namely: Liezl Truz Hukdong, Vanessa Karissha L. Esguerra, Maria Fe Saliling Librada, Arlene Castillo Manzano, Devine Riche Encarnacion, Patrick Sunga and Mira Luna Juntilla;

WHEREAS, on 12 February 2018, pursuant to the directive of the President of the Philippines, the DOLE Secretary further issued Administrative Order No. 54, Series of 2018, enforcing a total ban on the deployment of all Overseas Filipino Workers to Kuwait in pursuit of national interest and with the advent of the series of reports involving abuse and death of OFWs in Kuwait and the most recent is that of Joanna Daniela Demafelis, a domestic worker;

WHEREAS, on 14 February 2018, DOLE issued Administrative Order No. 54-A, Series of 2018 providing guidelines on the deployment ban pursuant to Administrative Order No. 54, Series of 2018;

WHEREAS, the POEA issued Governing Board Resolution (GBR) No. 1, Series of 2018 on 14 February 2018 adopting the abovementioned DOLE Administrative Orders and effecting a deployment ban for newly-hired Filipino workers for overseas employment in Kuwait. The ban does not include balik-manggagawa/returning Filipino workers and seafarers transiting through or boarding in Kuwait to join their principals;

WHEREAS, on 25 May 2018, as a result of the Agreement on Employment of Domestic Workers with the State of Kuwait signed by then DFA Secretary Alan Peter S. Cayetano on 11 May 2018, and the normalization of ties with the said country, the POEA lifted the deployment ban in Kuwait through Governing Board Resolution No. 2, Series of 2018 and resumed the processing and deployment thereto of all newly-hired Filipino workers to include professionals, seafarers, skilled, semi-skilled and domestic workers;

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WHEREAS, the recently signed DOLE Administrative Order No. 553, Series of 2019 dated 16 December 2019 directed the POEA and all the Philippine Overseas Labor Offices (POLOs) in the Middle East to implement measures to further improve protection of all vulnerable OFWs, domestic workers included, due to increasing number of welfare cases and labor issues among Filipino workers in the Middle East;

WHEREAS, with the recent reported cases of maltreatment and deaths involving OFWs in Kuwait, specifically the death of OFW Jeanelyn Padernal Villavende, the DOLE Secretary, after consulting DFA Secretary Teodoro T. Locsin, Jr. and Undersecretary Brigido J. Dulay, issued a memorandum dated 02 January 2020 to POEA to immediately convene the Governing Board for the immediate issuance of a partial deployment ban involving Visa 20 (domestic workers) new hires and balik-manggagawa. The said memorandum also instructed the POEA to include a moratorium on the processing and verification of individual contracts and additional Job Order (JO) for the same category of workers.

NOW THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board in a meeting duly convened, **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to adopt the said memorandum and effect a deployment ban for newly-hired domestic workers to Kuwait effective immediately.

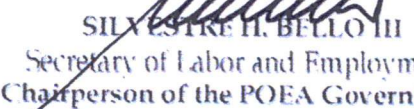
RESOLVED that a moratorium on the verification, accreditation and processing of individual contracts and additional Job Order (JO) for the same category of workers shall be effected.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all overseas employment certificates (OECs) for the same category of workers bound for Kuwait issued on or before 5:00 p.m. of 03 January 2020 shall be valid for deployment.

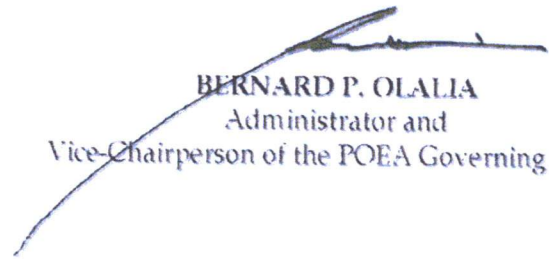
RESOLVED FINALLY, that the POEA Administrator is hereby authorized to issue appropriate circulars to clarify and/or amend this Governing Board Resolution upon the instruction of the Board.

For immediate compliance.


Done in the City of Mandaluyong, Philippines, this 3rd day of January 2020.


SILVESTRE H. BELLO III
Secretary of Labor and Employment
and Chairperson of the POEA Governing Board

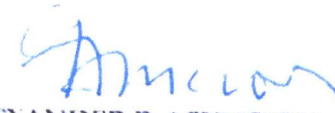
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