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**GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION No. 05
Series of 2020**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8792, also known as the e-Commerce Act of 2000, declares that the State recognizes the vital role of information and communications technology in nation building and among others promotes the universal use of electronic payment for convenient, effective, and faster transactions with the government;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the e-Commerce Act, the POEA has implemented an Electronic Payment and Collection System (EPCS) in the processing and collection of fees from landbased new hires and returning Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) or *Balik Manggagawa* (BM);

WHEREAS, POEA has developed an online information front-end system to service landbased new hires and BMs for the application, processing, payment, and printing of electronic overseas employment certificates (OECs), otherwise known as the e-Contract System and "BM Online System";

WHEREAS, Rule V, Section 1(d) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9769 or the "Home Development Mutual Fund Law of 2009 otherwise known as Pag-IBIG (Pagtutulongan sa kinabukasan: Ikaw, Bangko, Industriya at Gobyerno) Fund" provides that, "[c]overage under the fund shall be mandatory for Filipinos employed by foreign-based employers whether deployed here or abroad, or a combination thereof, but whose respective employers are exclusively based outside the Philippines. The employers shall not be subject to mandatory coverage. Provided, that if the employer maintains an office or agent in the Philippines that effectively acts as an employer of the Filipino, then such office or agent shall be deemed an employer subject to mandatory coverage under R.A. 9679";

WHEREAS, to ensure the efficient and timely collection of mandatory Pag-IBIG Fund Membership Savings from foreign-based workers particularly landbased OFWs and returning workers (BM), Pag-IBIG interfaced with the POEA ECPS;

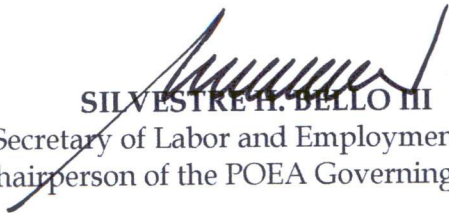
WHEREAS, during the consultative meeting held on November 27, 2019 at the POEA, members of the Overseas Landbased Tripartite Consultative Council (OLTCC) acceded to the integration of the Pag-IBIG Fund with the POEA-EPCS;

NOW, THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to authorize the POEA to execute with the Pag-IBIG Fund a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that will delineate the roles and responsibilities and establish the terms and conditions of the linkage between the POEA-EPCS and the Pag-IBIG Fund;

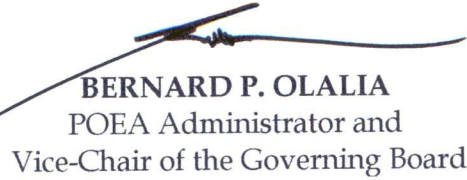
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Resolved further, that POEA Administrator Bernard P. Olalia shall represent and sign the MOA in behalf of the POEA.


Done in the City of Mandaluyong, the Philippines this 21st day of January 2020.



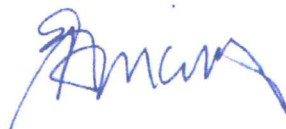
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Chairperson of the POEA Governing Board



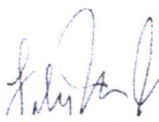
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