



GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 08 Series of 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to DOLE Department Order No. 84, Series of 2007, a total ban on the deployment of OFWs to Lebanon was imposed on 18 June 2007 upon the recommendation of a government Task Force on Lebanon due to the volatile peace and order situation;

WHEREAS, DOLE Department Order No. 84-07 was modified by POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 06, Series of 2008, Governing Board Resolution Nos. 02 and 07, Series of 2009, and Governing Board Resolution No. 01, Series of 2010, insofar as the temporary lifting of the ban with respect to returning workers was concerned;

WHEREAS, Governing Board Resolution No. 01, Series of 2011, allowed the processing of returning workers, subject to certain conditions;

WHEREAS, the DFA in a communication dated 12 October 2012 transmitted the Certification of the Philippine Embassy in the Republic of Lebanon that said country partially complies with the requirements under subparagraphs (a) and (c) of Republic Act of 10022 and that the Republic of Lebanon is taking positive and concrete measures to protect the migrant workers in the country, particularly women migrant domestic workers;

WHEREAS, among the developments cited by the Philippine Embassy in Lebanon are the Memorandum of Understanding and Protocols and Controls on the Recruitment and Employment of Filipino Domestic Workers in Lebanon signed on 01 February 2012 by the Philippine and Lebanese governments, as well as the ongoing negotiation for a Standard Employment Contract for Domestic Workers;

WHEREAS, on 22 October 2012, POEA issued Governing Board Resolution No. 11, Series of 2012 to include Lebanon in the list of compliant countries and that the ban on the deployment of OFWs bound for Lebanon will be lifted except for newly hired household service workers pending the agreement of the Philippine and Lebanese governments on a Standard Employment Contract for HSWs;

WHEREAS, on 10 January 2020, in a letter to the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment, the Department of Foreign Affairs raised the Crisis Alert Level in Lebanon to Alert Level 2 (Restriction Phase) from Alert Level 1 (Precautionary Phase) in view of the recent developments in the Middle East and the current political and economic situation thereat;

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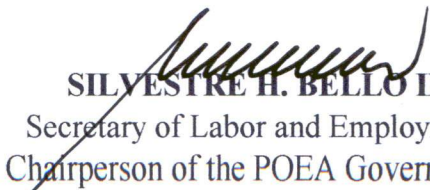
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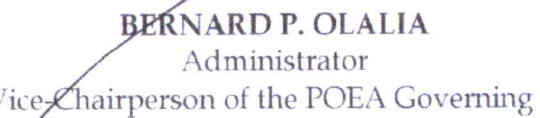
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**NOW THEREFORE**, the POEA Governing Board in a meeting duly convened, **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to impose a temporary suspension on the processing and deployment of newly-hired workers bound for Lebanon, including crew changes, embarkation, disembarkation and shore leaves of seafarers.

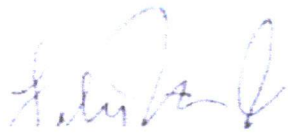
For this purpose, only Overseas Employment Certificates (OECs) issued on or before the effectivity of this resolution shall be valid for deployment.

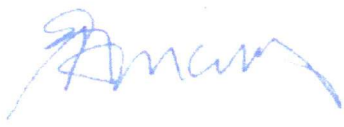
Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of **February 2020**.

  
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and Chairperson of the POEA Governing Board

  
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