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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 9 6 Series of 2021

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

WHEREAS, on 17 February 2021, DFA's Secretary Teodoro L. Locsin, Jr., through an official communication, informed DOLE's Secretary Silvestre H. Bello that Myanmar was placed under crisis Alert Level 2 (Restriction Phase) in view of the ongoing political situation therein;

WHEREAS, on 24 February 2021, the DFA released a public advisory wherein Myanmar was placed under crisis Alert Level 2 (Restriction Phase) in view of the developing critical situation in the said country;

WHEREAS, on 28 May 2021 Governing Board Resolution No. 02, Series of 2021 imposed a temporary suspension on the processing and deployment of newly-hired Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) bound for Myanmar;

WHEREAS, on 19 July 2021, the Philippine Embassy in Yangon and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) raised the alert status for Myanmar to Alert Level 4 and gave notice that the healthcare system in the country is close to reaching its maximum capacity and may not be able to provide adequate medical attention to Filipinos who become ill in the coming weeks, thus, the need for mandatory evacuation of Overseas Filipino Workers in Myanmar.

NOW, THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to impose a total deployment ban on the processing and deployment of all OFWs, including crew changes and shore leaves of Filipino seafarers in Myanmar.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Philippine Recruitment Agencies (PRAs) with deployed overseas Filipino workers in Myanmar are directed to coordinate with their respective employers, closely monitor and report the condition of their deployed workers onsite, and repatriate all their deployed OFWs from the said country.

For immediate compliance.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21st day of July 2021.

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