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## GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 17 Series of 2021

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

WHEREAS, on 13 August 2021, the DFA Secretary Teodoro L. Locsin, Jr. in an official communication had informed the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) through Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III that the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan was placed under Alert Level 4 (Evacuation/Mandatory Repatriation) in response to the worsening security situation in the said country;

WHEREAS, Alert Level 4 entails the imposition of an absolute ban on the deployment of Overseas Filipino Workers to the said country which includes returning workers due to large scale internal conflict or external attacks;

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure the continued security and safety of our Overseas Filipino Workers by suspending the processing and deployment in Afghanistan;

NOW, THEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened. RESOLVES AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, to impose a total ban on the processing and deployment of all Overseas Filipino Workers for Afghanistan.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the POEA is hereby authorized to extend all possible assistance in the government's efforts to ensure the immediate and safe passage and repatriation of our Overseas Filipino Workers as well as in the reintegration programs that will be implemented.

For immediate compliance.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 19th day of August 2021.

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

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