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GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 23
Series of 2014

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 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 21 July 2014, the DFA raised the Crisis Alert Level in the Gaza Strip to Crisis Alert Level 4 (Mandatory Repatriation) in view of the growing threats to security posed by the Israel-Hamas conflict to Filipinos in the said area;

WHEREAS, POEA Governing Board Resolution No. 18, Series of 2014 dated 23 July 2014 was issued imposing a total ban on the processing and deployment of all OFWs bound for the Gaza Strip;

WHEREAS, on 11 September 2014, the DFA has lowered the Crisis Alert Level in the Gaza Strip to Level 2 (Restriction Phase) in view of the recent improvement in the security situation in Israel and Palestine; and

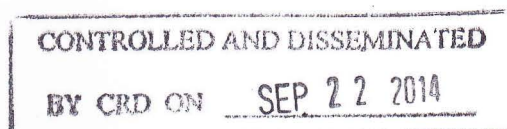
WHEREAS, under Alert Level 2, processing and deployment of OFWs shall be allowed only for returning OFWs with existing employment contracts and effectively suspends the processing and deployment of newly-hired OFWs;

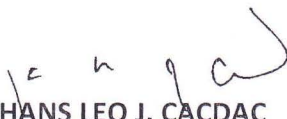
NOW, WHEREFORE, the POEA Governing Board, in a meeting duly convened, **RESOLVES AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to continue with the suspension of the processing and deployment of newly-hired OFWs bound for Gaza Strip but the processing and deployment of vacationing/returning workers to the said area shall, however, be allowed, subject to their compliance with the documentation requirements.

For immediate compliance.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of September 2014.

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