

# TRIPARTITE INDUSTRIAL PEACE COUNCIL

## RESOLUTION NO. 5

*Series of 2012*

*“Requesting Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) Officials to Discuss the Reasons and Implications for the Increase in Premium Contributions of Its Members”*

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Executive Order No. 403, Series of 1990, the TIPC shall review existing labor and social policies and evaluate local and international developments affecting them, and shall be the clearinghouse of tripartite views on labor and social concerns;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), created by Republic Act No. 7875 or the National Health Insurance Act of 1995, is mandated to provide all citizens of the Philippines with the mechanism to gain financial access to health services, provide means to help the people pay for health care services, and prioritize and accelerate the provision of health services to all Filipinos, especially the segment of the population who cannot afford such services;

**WHEREAS**, on 15 December 2011, in support to the attainment of Universal Health Care and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the PhilHealth Board of Directors issued Circular No. 22, series of 2011, which provided for a 167% increase from the current annual membership premium contribution of P900.00 starting 01 July 2012.

**WHEREAS**, on 07-08 February 2012, Philippine Senate Resolution Nos. 701 and 709 introduced by Senators Aquilino “Koko” L. Pimentel III and Ralph G. Recto, respectively, directed the Senate Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises, Health and Demography and all other proper committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the increase in premium contributions of all members of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).

**WHEREAS**, on 21 September 2012, a Tripartite Industrial Peace Council – Technical Executive Committee (TIPC-TEC) meeting was conducted at the Occupational Safety and Health Center, Diliman, Quezon City, wherein members agreed to support the foregoing Senate Resolutions and discussed the need to have an audience with PhilHealth officials to elaborate on significant labor, economic and social concerns, namely: (1) reasons and intentions behind the increase in the PhilHealth membership premium; (2) effects of the increase to the takehome pay of workers, particularly to overseas Filipino workers; and (3) the cost impact of the increase to the employers.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to hold a dialogue with PhilHealth Officials, including Sectoral Representatives appointed to its Board, in a TIPC meeting on the following:


- a. issues and concerns relative to the implementation of PhilHealth Circular 22, series of 2011; and
- b. coverage and charging of PhilHealth and HMOs.

**FURTHER**, that the implementation of PhilHealth Circular No. 22 be deferred until after completion of consultations with all stakeholders.


**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that PhilHealth suspends its implementation pending the Senate inquiry on the matter.

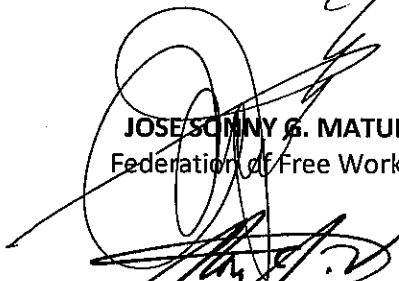
Approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 2012, at Bayview Park Hotel, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

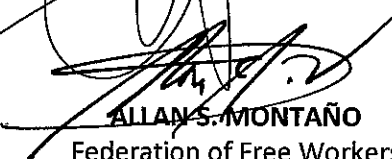
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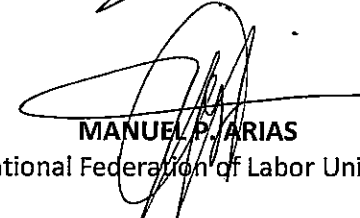
  
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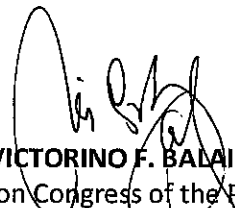
  
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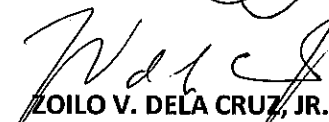
  
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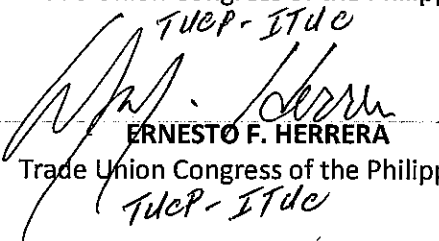
  
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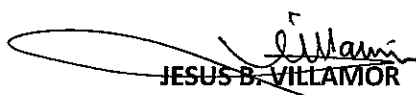
  
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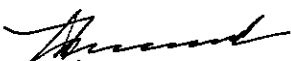
  
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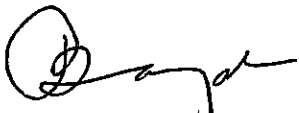
  
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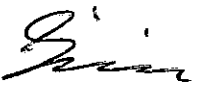
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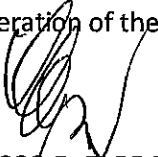
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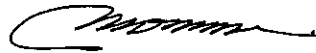
  
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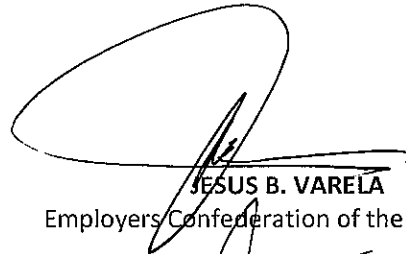
  
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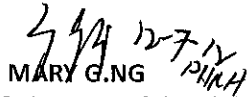
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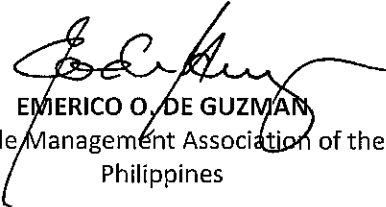


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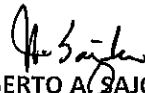
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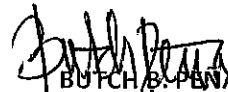


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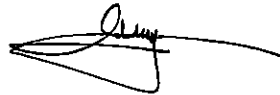
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