

TRIPARTITE INDUSTRIAL PEACE COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Series of 2012

*"Manifesting the Tripartite Stakeholders' Sentiments of Not Favoring the House Bills
Creating the Department of Overseas Filipino Workers"*

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 403, Series of 1990, the TIPC shall be the clearinghouse of tripartite views of labor and social concerns and tripartite position and views on pending relevant legislative proposals;

WHEREAS, the following bills are filed with the House of Representatives seeking to create a Department of Overseas Filipino Workers (DOFWs):

1. House Bill No. 0964 *An Act Creating the Department of Filipino Workers (DOFWS), Defining Its Powers and Functions, Appropriating Funds Therefore, and For Other Purposes*; and
2. House Bill No. 4408 *An Act Creating the Department of Overseas Workers, Rationalizing the Organizations and Functions of Government Agencies Related to Overseas Employment and For Other Purposes*.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8042 or the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995 provides that "the State does not promote overseas employment as a means to sustain economic growth and achieve national development". The State policy is not to pursue overseas employment as a development strategy but to establish concrete policies and steps toward more sustainable employment at home;

WHEREAS, the pronounced policy of the present administration is to create local employment so that working abroad would merely be a choice and not a necessity, thus, the proposed creation of Department of Overseas Filipino Workers runs counter to the aforesaid declared policy;

WHEREAS, the tripartite stakeholders believe that the creation of another structure and/or agency solely for overseas workers is not the response needed to address all the problems of OFWs and will not guarantee better services to overseas workers;

WHEREAS, strengthening and improving existing government programs and services and inter-government intervention to expedite services toward the protection of the rights and welfare OFWs are immediately doable with high impact;


WHEREAS, strict observance and implementation of existing laws on overseas employment may very well respond to the call to promote and protect the well-being of OFWs.

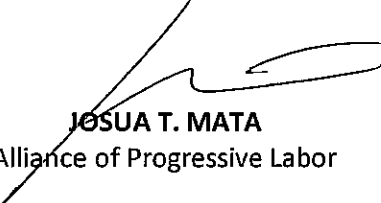
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to express the tripartite stakeholders' sentiments of not favoring the creation of a Department of Overseas Filipino Workers or any similar office or agency as proposed by HB No. 0964 and HB No. 4408.

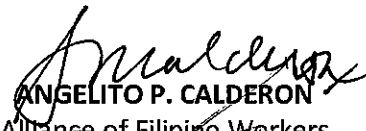
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, instead of creating another department for OFWs, the tripartite partners request that all policy or legislative interventions shall be geared towards further strengthening the present inter-departmental coordination and support for the welfare and protection of the rights of OFWs.

Approved this 29th of August 2012, at The Bayleaf Hotel, Intramuros, Manila.

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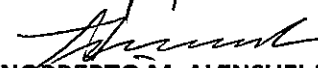

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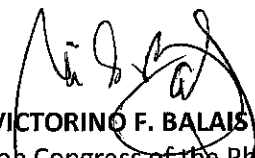

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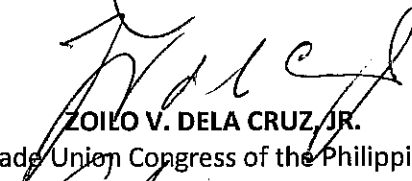

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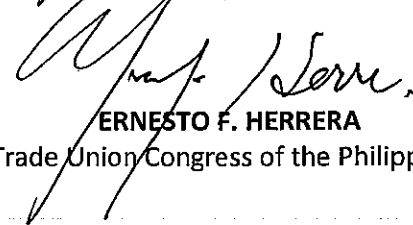

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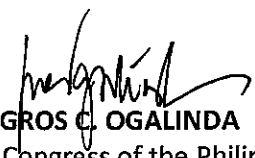

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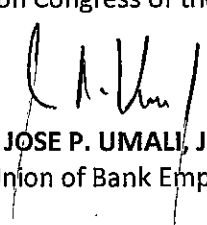

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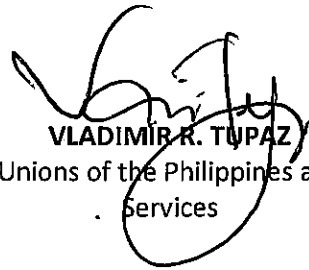

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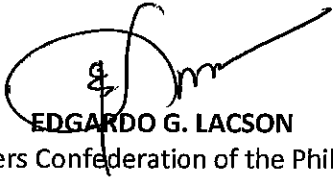


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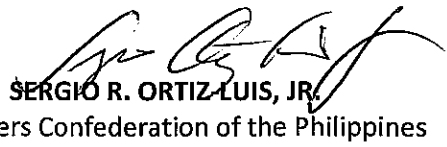


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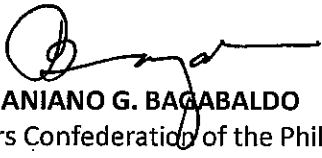
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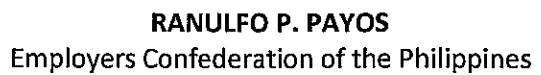
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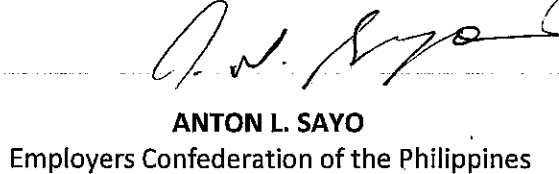
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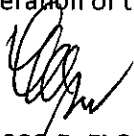
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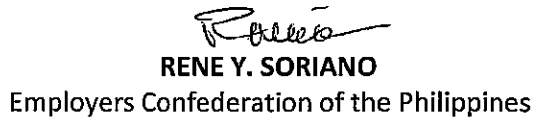
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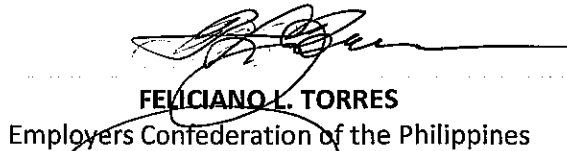
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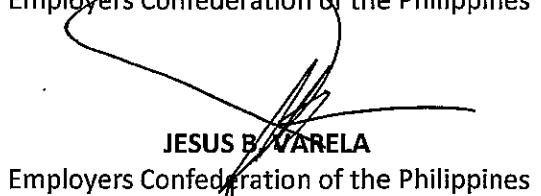
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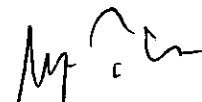

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