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INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASE

RESOLUTION NO. 09
Series of 2020
March 3, 2020

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT
OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION**

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, upon directive of the Office of the President, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease imposed a travel ban covering China, Macau Special Administrative Region (SAR), and Hong Kong SAR. On February 11, 2020, travel restrictions were extended to cover Taiwan on the basis that it was being used as a transit port by passengers from mainland China;

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2020, travel restrictions imposed upon Taiwan were lifted. On February 18, 2020, the IATF issued Resolution No. 06, series of 2020, granting exemptions in favor of certain classes of travelers traveling to and from China, Hong Kong SAR, and Macau SAR;

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020, following an increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in South Korea, the IATF through Resolution No. 08, series of 2020 temporarily suspended the entry of foreigners coming from the North Gyeongsang Province of South Korea, and the exit of Filipinos to the entirety of South Korea, subject to certain exemptions similar to those imposed on Macau and Hong Kong SARs;

WHEREAS, in the same Resolution, the IATF resolved that existing travel restrictions shall be subject to close monitoring and reassessment by concerned agencies of the IATF;

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020, the IATF was apprised of the request by a group of Overseas Filipinos in Macau SAR who were unable to return home due the lack of commercial flights from said jurisdiction to the Philippines;
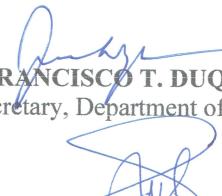
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF approves the following:

    A. Outbound travel restrictions to South Korea imposed on Filipinos shall hereby be partially lifted, except for those traveling to the North Gyeongsang Province of South Korea, including Daegu City and Cheongdo County. *Provided*, that all Filipinos traveling to South Korea must execute a *Declaration* signifying their knowledge and understanding of the risks involved. A health advisory pamphlet shall likewise be handed out to all outbound Filipino travelers upon departure;

B. Dependents of permanent residents of South Korea, Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR shall likewise be allowed to travel to said jurisdictions, upon execution of a *Declaration* signifying their knowledge and understanding of the risks involved;

C. The Department of Foreign Affairs shall repatriate one hundred and forty-eight (148) Overseas Filipinos (OFs) from Macau Special Administrative Region *via* chartered flight, while the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) shall repatriate forty-eight (48) active OWWA members in one commercial flight. *Provided*, that all existing protocols on quarantine shall be observed;

D. The Bureau of Quarantine is hereby directed to submit a list of all disembarking repatriates both to the IATF Secretariat and the Department of the Interior and Local Government; and

E. All IATF Resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

APPROVED at the 9th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting as reflected in the minutes of the meeting on the 3rd of March 2020, at the Convention Hall, Department of Health, Manila, Philippines.
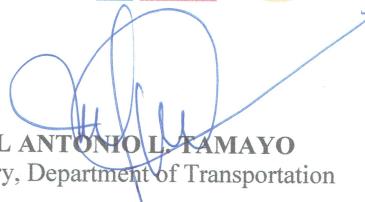
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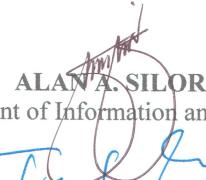
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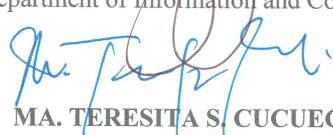
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