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### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY,

### 30th Sep 2021 AT 5:00 PM EMBASSY LODGES HOTEL ISLAMABAD.

Respected Members,

 The meeting Chaired by the Chairman, Mr. Syed Rehmat Ali Shah was held in the Meeting Room of POEPA Head office, ISLAMABAD on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2021.
Following officials and members had participated in the meeting:-

1. Mr. Syed Rehmat Ali Shah	(Chairman)
2. Mr. Mian Abid Javed	(Senior Vice Chairman)
3. Mr. Muzaffar Hussain Khan	(Vice Chairman)
4. Mr. Aijaz Ahmed	(Member, E .C)
5. Mr. Khalid Javed Malik	(Member, E .C)
6. Mr. Babar Feroz	(Member, E.C)
7. Mr. Dawood Khan	(Member, E .C)
8. Mr. Murad Ghalib	(Member, E .C)
9. Mr. Nawaz Khan	(Member, E .C)
10. Mr. Ahmed Khan	(Member, E .C)
11. Mr. Qaiser Ali	(Member, E .C)
12. Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ullah	(Member, E .C)
13. Mr. Shahbaz Zeb Khan	Secretary General, POEPA

The meeting deliberated on the following agenda items:-

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AGENDA	Welcome & Congratulations to all the newly elected members, and
NO.1	discussion over the plan of the activities for this year.

The executive committee had formally congratulated each other, specifically the newly elected members; the committee was quite optimistic and determines to resolve the predicaments of the OEP business community, to resuscitate the prestige and deserving privileges of our manpower promotion division, in fact the backbone of Pakistan's economy. The Chairman had highlighted that we have won the mandate of our community, they have put their trust and reliance on us, and it now has become our foremost duty to contribute back, and regain the dignity and pride of our manpower promotion sector. The members of the executive committee had seconded the views of the Chair, and had committed to endeavor and deliver untiring efforts to push back & recover from the setback observed by the OEP business community in the past 2 years due to Global Pandemic. There is a need of quick actions of reforms and complete devotion to fulfill our task for the collective benefit of our community.

#### **Decision:**

executive committee The has decided to phase out a plan, and list down the imperative and most significant issues of the community, prioritizing them on the basis of their impact and importance. This and information can be collected by the community some of the important issues are already known, primarily **Re-opening** of flight KSA, MOUs and collection particular information operations of of & research the demands of work, over market gaps and the new like European emerging markets eastern countries and many others. **OEPs** Intending emigrant's & complaints portal on the platform of Page 2 of 6



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POEPA. Visas expired due to flight operations, re-validation of such visas without medical and sponsor letter. Ease on permission of the Eastern European and other emerging markets. Commencement of а high level Seminar, inviting Prime Minister, for awareness on the new job markets and for reviving the prestige of OEP the business community.

Agenda	Formation of 8 zonal sub committees, concerned with all the
No.2	protectorate offices and other matters

The Executive committee had discussed the need of zonal sub committees, which shall be operated under the supervision/command of an elected executive committee member of the concerned zone, as appointed by the resolution of the executive committee.

#### **Decision:**

The executive committee had unanimously approved to announce the Formation of the 8 zonal committees to resolve predicaments regarding the protectorate offices or any other matters/issues related to OEP & manpower promotion sector raised at the zonal level. The executive committee will notify the formation of zonal sub-committees once the nomination for the members of these committees is received from each protectorate office zone.

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Agenda	Matters concerned with Saudi Embassy Islamabad.
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The Chairman had briefed that from the last 3 to 4 years, the OEP community is continuously facing problems of objections and hindrances in visa endorsement procedures from the Embassy of KSA, we had committed that all such issues will be resolved with persistent efforts and meetings with the consulate section. Primarily the issue of registrations of licensed OEPs in Saudi Embassy Islamabad and then the other significant issues will be addressed in the next commenced meeting with his Excellency, and we have high hopes that all the addressed predicament will be provided relief at the earliest.

#### Decision

The committee had unanimously decided to finalize the Agenda of the meeting within two days, with his Excellency, the Ambassador and Head of the consulate section, and will write the request letter for meeting subsequently addressing the agenda for the meeting. All of the problems will be highlighted in this meeting and will positively resolve all our concerned issues at the most primitive.

Agenda	Ease in the permissions of the emerging manpower markets and
No.4	exploring these markets through CWAs and embassy/mission abroad.

The Executive committee had extensively discussed and formulated a strategy to find quick solution and to cop up with hurdles and hardships, faced in fetching and establishing manpower demands with the new emerging job markets, specifically Page 4 of 6



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eastern European countries. It was discussed to conduct research that what strategies were adopted by our competitors, such as Bangladesh, Nepal or India getting successful in capturing extensive job demands from these countries. We are in dire need of capturing the maximum share from these markets within 3-6 months otherwise our workforce will fail to get any advantage and value from this opportunity. DG Bureau shall provide ease in granting permissions for such demands; Bureau & POEPA should collectively phase out the plan and devise mechanism of expediting the procedure, collection of documentation & grant of permission to such demands without delays, so the demands for Pakistani workforce may not get transferred to any other country.

#### **Decision:**

The executive committee had decided to pursue this matter and will conduct extensive research on it, collect all the required information and will disseminate it in the community through all the official platforms/channels of communication specifically social media platforms what's app, Facebook & Twitter taking on board experienced OEPs, already working in these sectors to produce an effective strategy and plan to gather information of work procedure & demands in these job markets, furthermore the plan for expediting the maturity of these demands, Job placement & recruitment of the right man for the right job, minimizing and penalizing the recruitment of absconders, especially in eastern European countries by taking guarantees and undertaking of family members or blood relatives, discouraging the human trafficking

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and illegal migration of Pakistani workforce, which ultimately damage and idulge the depiction, prestige and dignity of our country.

There was no further point to discuss. The meeting was adjourned with the greetings from/to the Chair.

<u>CC:</u>

- 1. Regulator TOs, Directorate General of Trade Organization.
- 2. All members of Executive Committee.

**(Shahbaz Zeb Khan)** Secretary General.

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