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ILO MEETING OF EXPERTS

Meeting of experts to adopt the Guidelines on Decent Work for Public Emergency Services (PES) was held last month in ILO Geneva, Switzerland.

The Philippines, nominated and voted as vice-chair for the Government group, was represented by BWC Director Teresita S. Cucueco, MD, CESO III to discuss the proposed guidelines.

In order to reflect the changes in the nature of emergencies and other developments in the past decade, a revisit to the 2003 Guidelines on Social Dialogue in Public Emergency Services was made.

Nowadays, a more diverse range of public emergency workers are required in order to cope up with the world's increasing frequent and complex emergencies.

With the adoption of the proposed guidelines, this will be able to promote decent work in public emergency services, from better protection against occupational hazards, illness and work-related injuries.

To quote, BWC Director Cucueco said in her closing remark: "With this document [proposed guidelines], we hope that those people who are out there will be protected."

The proposed guidelines, once approved by the International Labor Conference, may be used as reference by the Philippines in drafting programs and policies for workers in public emergency services.

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