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DOLE TWG FOR BARMM, FORMED

The DOLE recently issued Administrative Order (AO) No. 67, Series of 2020 constituting the DOLE Technical Working Group (TWG) on Bangsamoro that shall ensure the smooth transition of the authority on labor and employment. It was signed by Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III on 13 February 2020.

The said AO was an offshoot of Executive Order No. 79, Series of 2019 entitled *Implementing the Annex on Normalization under the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro* which was signed by President Duterte last year. This Executive Order is parallel and complementary to the provisions of Republic Act No. 11054 otherwise known as the *Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao*, which directs various government agencies, including the DOLE, to ensure the integration and harmonization of economic, social, labor, employment and environmental considerations in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

The TWG for BARMM had its first meeting last 26 February 2020 and was attended by all of its members. They agreed to adopt existing DOLE Programs that will be incorporated to its customs, tradition and existing political structure.

The Bureau of Working Conditions sits in the TWG as Secretariat assisting the designated head of the TWG, Undersecretary Ana C. Dione. The committee is scheduled to meet with the Ministry of Labor and Employment of the BARMM in the first week of March.

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