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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ON WOMEN DOMESTIC WORKERS AND CARERS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

The Philippine Embassy in Vienna, Austria reported that the European Parliament adopted a Resolution on women domestic workers and carers/caregivers in EU. The Resolution is premised on the view that recognizing their work as "real jobs" would discourage exploitation, forced labor and human trafficking.

EU further urges its members to support and protect undeclared domestic workers or carers if they decide to come out of their "hidden" work. Some of the salient features of the Resolution are:

- 1) Inclusion of domestic workers and carers to be included in all national labor, healthcare, social care and anti-discrimination laws;
- 2) Recognition of the rights of domestic workers and carers to join trade unions;
- 3) Professionalization of domestic work to turn precarious and undeclared female work into recognized jobs; and
- 4) Provision of access to social protection.

The Resolution urges the European Commission to propose a framework for recognition of the status of non-professional carers, which offers them remuneration and social protection during the time they perform the care tasks.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.



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