

JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR, CONVINCED THAT THE BEST WAY TO STRENGTHEN PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY IS THROUGH UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS, HAVE DECIDED TO FORMALLY ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OF 1961.

BOTH GOVERNMENTS EXPRESS THEIR CONFIDENCE THAT THIS AGREEMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES, AND WILL PROMOTE CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND TRADE RELATIONS FOR THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

DONE ON THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY 2002 IN DILI, EAST TIMOR.

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