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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS MECHANISM BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MINI...

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The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of the Kingdom of Morocco, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants";

Desiring to further enhance the friendly relations and deepen the cooperation already existing between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Morocco and to give new dimensions to this cooperation;

Recognizing the value of conducting regular bilateral consultations and coordination on important international issues and concerns as provided for in the Agreement for the Establishment of the Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation between the government of the Republic of the Philippines and the government of the Kingdom of Morocco;

Have reached the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH I
Frequency and Venue of Consultations
The Participants will hold political consultations every two (2) years or at any time mutually convenient to both Participants to review their bilateral relations and to exchange views on regional and international issues of common interest.

The consultations will be carried out alternately in Manila and Rabat. The consultations may also take place in a third country on the occasion of an international conference or meeting where both Participants are present. During such an international conference or meeting, the Participants will also seek the possibilities of cooperation on issues of common interest for the two countries.

The agenda, date and venue of the consultations as well as the composition of the delegations will be agreed upon by the Participants through diplomatic channels.

The Participants will bear their respective expenses for participation in the meetings, including round trip transportation to the meeting place and accommodations, and the host Participant will provide the necessary office facilities for holding the consultation.

PARAGRAPH II
Composition of Delegations
The Delegations conducting political consultations will be presided over by deputy ministers or other high-ranking officials of both the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of the Kingdom of Morocco.

PARAGRAPH III
Scope of Cooperation

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At the consultation meetings, the Participants will review and evaluate developments in the political, economic, consular, cultural, technological and scientific areas of bilateral relations and other areas of common interest and an exchange of views to further enhance these relations will be held. The Participants will exchange views on international and regional issues and developments of common concern, and when necessary, discuss bilateral cooperation in regional or international matters.

PARAGRAPH IV
Status
This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to create any legally binding obligation under international law. It will not in any way affect the obligations of each State under international treaties to which that State is a party.

PARAGRAPH V
Final Provisions
This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect on the date of signature.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years and shall be extended for similar periods, unless one of the Participants officially notified in writing the other of its desire to suspend or terminate this Memorandum of Understanding six (6) months prior to its intended date of expiration. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the Participants, its suspension or termination should not prejudice the completion of projects initiated under this Memorandum of Understanding.

Any amendment or revision of the text of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be done in writing by mutual consent of the Participants, through diplomatic channels. Such amendment or revision shall come into effect with the provision of sub-paragraph 1 of this Paragraph.

Done in Rabat, on the 17th March 2022 in duplicate originals in Arabic and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES

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AFRICAN COOPERATION AND
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