BILATERAL

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD AND THE VIETNAM COAST GUARD ON MARITIME COOPERATION

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The PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG) and the VIETNAM COAST GUARD (VCG) hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Participants" or individually as "Participant".

Desiring to strengthen understanding mutual trust and confidence and cooperation between the Participants towards the promotion, preservation and protection of their mutual interests in the Southeast Asian Region;

Have reached the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH 1
OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

The Objective arid Scope of this MOU include:

1.

To form a Joint Coast Guard Committee (JCGC) to develop maritime programs. projects and activities, and discuss common issues and interests in pursuit of both agencies' common interest;

2.

To establish a hotline communication mechanism between the Coast Guards of the Philippines and Vietnam;

3.

To consider possible arrangements and activities in accordance with the principles of international law, the national laws of each party, and international conventions to which both Philippines and Vietnam are parties.

PARAGRAPH 2
IMPLEMENTATION

1.

Both Participants with be responsible for the identification, coordination, Implementation and monitoring of programs, projects and activities conducted under this MOU.

2.

The Participants may conclude specific arrangements or annexes, which set out the terms and conditions for the implementation of the areas of cooperation under this MOU. Such arrangement with form an integral part of this MOU.

3.

The Participants shall shoulder for their own coats in the implementation of the MOU, unless otherwise agreed

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upon in writing, subject to the availability of funds and In accordance with their respective national laws.

4.

Each Participant shall undertake to observe 'the secrecy and confidentiality of documents, information, and other data received or supplied to the other Participant during the period of the implementation of this MOU or any other implementing arrangements made pursuant to this MOU.

Both Participants agree that the provisions of this Paragraph shall continue to be binding between the Participants notwithstanding the termination of this MOU.

All materials, documents. information, and other data received during the period of Implementation of this MOU shall not be made available to any third party without prior written consent or authorization from the other Participant.

PARAGRAPH 3
JOINT COAST GUARD COMMITTEE

1.

The JCGC will be jointly headed, as Co-chairpersons. by duly authorized senior officials of the Philippine Coast Guard and Vietnam Coast Guard.

2.

The JCGC will be composed of an equal number of representatives from VCG and PCG. The JCGC may invite relevant agencies as necessary for meetings and other activities agreed upon by both sides.

3.

The JCGC with develop its own rules, procedures, organizational structure and other administrative details for the effective Implementation of the Committee and the implementation of this MOU.

4.

The JCGC will meet alternately In the Republic of the Philippines and Socialist Republic of Vietnam at least once a year on a date mutually approved by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 4
GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.

This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants given at least three (3) months In advance through diplomatic channels. Such amendment will form an integral part of this MOU and shall take effect on such date as may be determined by the participants in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 5, Article 1.

2.

Should there be any divergence in 1he interpretation or application on the provisions of this MOU and of the projects or activities undertaken under it, the Participants will settle amicably such divergence by consultations

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between them, without reference to any third party or any international tribunal.

PARAGRAPH 5
FINAL PROVISIONS

1.

This MOU will take effect on the date of the later written notification by either of the Participants, through diplomatic channels, indicating that the domestic requirements for its effectivity have been completed.

2.

This MOU will have provisional effect upon the signing thereof pending the completion of the domestic requirements of the Participants as mentioned in the above paragraph.

3.

This MOU shall remain in force and effect for a period of five (5) years, and shall be automatically renewed for a similar subsequent period, unless one of the Participants officially notifies the other Participant, through diplomatic channels, of its desire to suspend or terminate this MOU. In such a case, the MOU shall remain valid until sixty (60) days after the date on which one Participant receives an official notification from the other Participant expressing the desire of the latter to suspend or terminate this MOU.

4.

The termination of this MOU will not affect ongoing programs. projects and activities under this MOU unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Participants.

Signed on the dates and places indicated below, in duplicate in the English and Vietnamese languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD

For the VIETNAM COAST GUARD

(SGD.) CG Admiral Ronnie Gil L. Gavan

(SGD.) Major General Le Quang Dao

Commandant

Commandant

Date: 30 January 2024

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