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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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The Foreign Service Institute of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Diplomatic Training, Research and Development of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South African (hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Participants" and in the singular as a "Participant")

TAKING into account the willingness to encourage and strengthen friendship between their respective Countries;

RECOGNIZING the importance of strengthening and consolidating the academic exchange between the two institutions;

Have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1
Objective
The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to create a framework for closer cooperation and to facilitate collaboration between the Participants in the field of Diplomatic Training and Research.

Paragraph 2
Activities
The Participants undertake to promote the following activities:

- Exchange of information and expertise related to programs of study and research, various courses, seminars, as well as other academic activities and training;

- Support the exchange of contacts and students, diplomats, academics, officials, experts and researchers;

- Studies, research and exchange of national and international specialized information in fields of mutual interest;

- Exchange of information and points of view regarding directives and international developments on training, research and studies in diplomacy, and participation in international meetings in academic and research institutions and private centres related to diplomatic academies;

- Joint seminars in both countries; and

- Other forms of cooperation within the framework of the present Memorandum of Understanding, as mutually agreed to by the Participants.

Paragraph 3
Financial and Administrative procedure
Representatives of the Participants will determine the appropriate financial and administrative procedure to achieve the objectives of the MOU according to the budgets available to each participant.

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Paragraph 4
Jointly Organized Courses and Seminars
The Participants will consult each other regarding the possibility of jointly organizing courses and seminars in the Philippines and South Africa on subjects of mutual interest.

Paragraph 5
Logistic Arrangement
The Participants will decide on the specifics and logistics of every project they jointly undertake. To this end, a protocol comprising the terms of reference of the proposed exchanges may be concluded, if necessary.

Paragraph 6
Conformity
Each Participant will fulfil its commitments undertaken under this MOU is in conformity with the legislation of their respective countries' laws and procedures. This MOU shall not constitute or be interpreted as an international agreement between the States of the Participants. No provision of this MOU shall be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of the Participants.

Paragraph 7
Settlement of Disputes
Any differences and disputes that may arise from the interpretation or implementation of the present Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably through direct consultations between the Participants.

Paragraph 8
Entry into Force, Duration and Termination
1. This Memorandum of Understanding will take effect on the date of its signing thereof by the Parties and will remain in force for a period five (5) years.

2. The Memorandum of Understanding will be automatically renewed for a similar five (5) year period, unless terminated by way of written notice, through diplomatic channel, ninety (90) days in advance of the date of termination by either Participant.

3. The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding does not affect the on-going projects, programs, or activities unless the participants decide to do so.

Signed at Pretoria on this 23rd day of February 2023, in English.

FOR THE FOREIGN SERVICE FOR THE DIPLOMATIC TRAINING,

INSTITUTE OF THE REPUBLIC OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF

PHILIPPINES THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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