BILATERAL

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties"),

Desiring to strengthen friendly relations existing between the two countries and their peoples;

Recognizing the benefits to be derived from the enhanced cooperation in the fields of science and technology;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties shall promote, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations, cooperation between the two countries in the fields of science and technology on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

ARTICLE 2

The cooperation will cover in particular the following forms:

a) joint research projects, including the exchange of their results as well as the exchange of scientists, specialists and technical personnel related to them;

b) joint scientific conferences, symposia, workshops, exhibitions and other meetings;

c) Exchange of scientific and technological information and data;

d) Other forms of scientific and technological cooperation as may be mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE 3

1. The Contracting Parties shall encourage direct links and conclusion of the long-term arrangements between the governmental agencies, science and studies institutions, research centres and enterprises of the two countries.

2. Implementing arrangements setting forth the details and procedures of specific cooperative activities under this Agreement may be concluded between the Contracting Parties or between governmental agencies, whichever is appropriate.

3. Specific agreements of mutual interest in the field of scientific and technological research may be concluded between the science and studies institutions, research centres and enterprises of the two countries within the framework of this Agreement.

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ARTICLE 4

The arrangements mentioned above determine in particular:

a) the objects and the scope of the cooperation;

b) the use of joint research and development project results;

c) financing of the cooperation.

ARTICLE 5

The Contracting Parties shall provide, according to their possibilities, places for university studies as well as places and scholarships for postgraduate specialization and doctorate studies, in the fields mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE 6

The costs of the exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists will be covered on the basis of arrangements between the parties concerned.

ARTICLE 7

The Contracting Parties shall make their best efforts so that the results of the scientific and technological cooperation be used in their mutual economic and trade cooperation.

ARTICLE 8

Each Contracting Party shall exert their best efforts to facilitate prompt and efficient entry into and exit from its territory of personnel and equipment and instrumentation, participating in the implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9

1. For the implementation of this Agreement a Joint Committee comprising representatives of both Contracting Parties shall be established. The Joint Committee shall convene alternately in Manila and in Vilnius.

2. The tasks of the joint Commission shall be as follows:

a) creation of favourable conditions for the implementation of this Agreement;

b) facilitation of the implementation of joint programmes and projects;

c) exchange of views on the proposals of scientific and technological cooperation and examination of the proposals concerning its development.

ARTICLE 10

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to prejudice other agreements signed between the Contracting Parties, as well as other international agreements to which they are Party.

ARTICLE 11

1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon notification by the Contracting Parties to each other that all the legal procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement have been fulfilled.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be automatically renewed for the

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successive periods of five years, unless either Contracting Party notifies in writing the other Contracting Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement six months before its expiration.

3. This Agreement may be revised by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties.

4. The termination or expiration of this Agreement shall not affect the carrying out of these projects or programmes which are under realization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines on 25 September 1995, in duplicate in the English and Lithuanian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the
Republic of the Philippines

For the Government of the
Republic of Lithuania

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