

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BILATERAL CONSULTATION MECHANISM BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MINISTRY ...

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The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Kingdom of Swaziland, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

DESIROUS to promote mutual understanding and cooperation between both countries;

REFLECTING the desire of both countries to develop and further enhance the friendly relations between both countries;

CONSIDERING the consultation and' an exchange of ideas on bilateral relations and international matters of mutual interest would be of mutual benefit;

REAFFIRMING their conviction that the further development of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries will contribute to international peace and security by means of creating mutual confidence, understanding and cooperation in international relations;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall conduct their consultations with the aim of reviewing all aspects of their bilateral relationship and to exchange views on bilateral and international affairs of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 2

The Consultations shall include, inter alia, a review of the relationship in the political, economic, commercial, investment, tourism, financial, industrial, scientific, cultural, educational, social, sport, technical and technological fields.

ARTICLE 3

The Parties agree that the consultations should be conducted in the spirit of flexibility and consultations and that the modalities for the determination of dates, venue, agenda, and level of representation shall be mutually agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 4

The Parties may set up working groups or experts meetings in order to discuss specific areas of common interest.

ARTICLE 5

The present agreement shall enter into force on the date of the later written notification by either of the Parties, through diplomatic channels, indicating that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with, it shall remain in force unless one of the Parties terminates it in writing through diplomatic channels, by giving six months prior notice.

ARTICLE 6

The agreement may be amended upon mutual consent of the Parties. These amendments shall enter into force in accordance with Article 5 on entry into force.

ARTICLE 7

The termination or suspension of the present agreement shall not affect the execution and duration of any arrangement made under the present Agreement until the completion of such arrangement.

Signed in Manila on the 26th day of May, 2008 in the English language.

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

FOR THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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