BILATERAL

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY ON THE WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC A...

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Paraguay hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

Inspired by the desire to strengthen the existent friendly relations and cooperation in all fields between the two countries;

Desiring to simplify and facilitate the travelling of citizens of one Party to the territory of the other Party;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

- Citizens of one party, holding valid diplomatic or official passports, shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Party.

- The persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be permitted to stay in the territory of the other Party for a maximum period of ninety (90) days. Upon requests in writing of the Diplomatic Mission or Consular Posts of one Party, whose citizens are holders of the above-mentioned passport holders, the other Party may extend the duration of stay for those passport holders, in accordance with its domestic legislation

Article 2

- Citizens of one Party, holding valid diplomatic or official passports, being members of the Diplomatic Mission or Consular Posts located in the territory of the other Party, shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into and exit from the territory of the other Party during periods of their assignments.

- The visa exemption granted to the persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to the spouses, minor children, incapacitated children even of lawful age and dependent parents who reside with them, provided that they are holders of valid diplomatic or official passports.

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Article 3

- Citizens of one Party, holding valid diplomatic or official passports, have the obligation to observe laws and regulations in force during their stay in the territory of the other Party.

- Either Party shall reserve the right to deny the entry or to terminate the stay in its territory to citizens of the other Party which do not meet the conditions laid down by the internal laws of the country for entry or stay

Article 4

Citizens of one Party holding valid diplomatic or official passports, shall enter and exit from the territory of the other Party through international ports for international travellers.

Article 5

- The Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their diplomatic and official passports within thirty (30) days as of the date of the entry into force of this Agreement.

- The Parties shall inform each other through the diplomatic channels of any changes concerning diplomatic or official passports not later than 30 days before their introduction and simultaneously send new passport specimens.

Article 6

Either Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement, totally or partially, for reasons of national security, public order or public health. The temporary suspension and the termination of such a temporary suspension shall be immediately communicated to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

Article 7

- Any disagreements or disputes between the Parties arising out of the interpretation of the implementation of this Agreement shall be settled by mutual consultations and negotiations.

- The present Agreement may be amended or supplemented by mutual consent in writing by the Parties.

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Article 8

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30 th) day after the date of receipt of the last notification, by which the Parties communicate to each other, in writing and through the diplomatic channels, the fulfilment of the internal requirements for the entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 9

The Agreement shall remain in full force for a period of five (5) years and shall be automatically renewed for periods of equal duration, unless one Party officially notifies the other Party, in writing and through diplomatic channels, of its desire to suspend or terminate the present Agreement. In such a case, the Agreement shall remain valid thirty (30) days after the date on which one Party receives such official notification from the other Party expressing the desire of the latter to suspend or terminate the Agreement.

Done in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina this 25th day of August 2011, in two original copies in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in the interpretation of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY

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