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TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE

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Note: The Treaty was concurred in by the Senate, S.R. No. 49, May 4, 1948. The Philippine instrument of ratification was signed by the President, April 19, 1950. It entered into force, April 19, 1950 upon the exchange of ratifications by the Parties. It was proclaimed by the President, Proc. No. 184, s. 1950.

Reference: This Treaty is also published in I DFA TS No. 3, p. 134. The presidential proclamation of the Treaty is published in 46 O.G., p. 1959 (May, 1950). The President of the French Republic and the President of the Republic of the Philippines, equally desirous of strengthening the ties of friendship by which their two countries are united, have resolved to conclude a Treaty to this effect and have designated as their respective plenipotentiaries:

The President of the French Republic:

His Excellency Monsieur GEORGES BIDAULT, Minister for Foreign Affairs,
The President of the Republic of the Philippines:

His Excellency ELPIDIO QUIRINO, Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines, and concurrently Secretary of Foreign Affairs, who, after having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following provisions:

ARTICLE 1.

There shall be between the French Republic and the Republic of the Philippines constant peace and perpetual friendship.

ARTICLE 2.

Each of the High Contracting Parties shall accredit to the other, subject to its approval, diplomatic representatives who, during the period of their mission, shall enjoy the rights, privileges and immunities generally recognized under international law and usage.

ARTICLE 3.

Each of the High Contracting Parties may appoint Consuls General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls or Consular Agents, in places designated by mutual agreement, in the territory of the other.

Such Consuls General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls or Consular Agents, duly provided with exequatur, shall exercise their functions under conditions to be determined by a Consular Convention which shall be concluded by the Parties at the earliest possible date.

ARTICLE 4.

The High Contracting Parties agree to conclude, as soon as practicable, a Treaty of Establishment, Commerce and Navigation.

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ARTICLE 5.

Pending the conclusion of the Treaty provided for in Article 4 above, and subject to the respective police and security laws and the other laws and regulations of each of the High Contracting Parties including the restrictions imposed by such laws and regulations on nationals of other countries, French nationals, nationals of the French Union and Philippine nationals shall enjoy, on condition of reciprocity, in the whole of the territory of the Republic of the Philippines, on the one hand, and on the other, of the French Republic and the French Union, the right to acquire, possess and dispose of every kind of personal or real property as well as the liberty to reside, travel and engage in trade or industry.

ARTICLE 6.

The High Contracting Parties undertake to recognize as compulsory, ipso facto and without a special Convention, the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in accordance with Article 36, paragraph 2 of the Statute of the Court, over any dispute subsequent to the ratification of this Treaty, which it shall not have been possible to adjust by negotiation, except those for which the Parties shall agree to resort to another form of pacific settlement.

This undertaking shall not apply to disputes relating to matters considered by the French Republic and the Republic of the Philippines as being essentially of their national competence.

ARTICLE 7.

The High Contracting Parties shall ratify the present Treaty according to the procedure of their respective Constitutions; it shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place at Manila.

In witness whereof, the above-mentioned Plenipotentiaries have signed this Treaty and hereunto affixed their seals.

Done in Paris, in duplicate in French and English language.

This 26th day of June 1947.

For the President of the Republic of the Philippines:

(Sgd.) ELPIDIO QUIRINO

For the President of the French Republic:

(Sgd.) GEORGES BIDAULT

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