

## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN ON THE WAIVER OF VISAS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOM...

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran referred to hereinafter as “the parties”;

Desirous of entering into a Memorandum of Agreement for the enhancement of their bilateral relations;

Have agreed as follows:

### ARTICLE I

Holders of diplomatic and service passports of both parties may enter, remain or transit without visa in the territory of the other state, if such stay does not exceed thirty (30) days.

### ARTICLE II

1. A citizen of either Party, who is assigned to replace a member of the diplomatic or consular staff in the territory of the other Party and is in possession of a valid diplomatic or service passport, shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter the territory of the other Party.

He/She shall be issued a multiple entry visa valid for the duration of his/her tour of duty.

2. A citizen of either Party, being the representative of his/her country in an international organization located in the territory of the other Party, shall also enjoy the rights mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article.

3. The facilities enumerated in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall also apply to the spouse of a member of the diplomatic mission or representative in international organizations and their dependents, provided that they either hold diplomatic or service passports.

### ARTICLE III

Either Party may suspend whole or part of the present Memorandum of Agreement for reasons of public order,

security or public health.

The suspension and terms of this Memorandum of Agreement shall be duly communicated to the other Party in writing and through diplomatic channels, specifying the date on which it will take effect.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

Citizens of the either Party, being holders of diplomatic and service passports, in accordance with the Vienna Convention of 1963 on consular relations, shall be subject to the laws and regulations of the other Party, while crossing its frontier and throughout the duration of their stay in the territory of the other Party.

#### **ARTICLE V**

Either Party shall reserve the right to refuse entry or terminate or reduce the stay of citizens of the other Party in its territory, considered as persona non grata.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

1. For the purpose of the implementation of the present Memorandum of Agreement, the competent authorities of each Party shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their valid diplomatic and service passports, within thirty (30) days from the date of signing this Memorandum of Agreement.
2. If their Party renews or amends its diplomatic or service passports, its competent authorities shall inform and deliver new specimens to the other Party through diplomatic channels, thirty (30) days prior to their use.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

Either Party may request in writing, revision or amendment of the whole or part of this Memorandum of Agreement through diplomatic channels. Any revision or amendment, agreed by mutual consent between the Parties, shall enter into force in accordance with the provision on entry into force. These amendments or revisions shall enter into force in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

1. This Memorandum of Agreement shall take effect on the date of receipt of the later written notification by a

Party, through diplomatic channels, indicating compliance with the domestic requirements for its entry into force.

2. This Memorandum of Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for five years and renewable for every five years thereafter.

3. This Memorandum of Agreement shall remain valid unless one Party officially notifies the other Party, through diplomatic channels, of its desire to suspend or terminate this Memorandum of Agreement. In this case the present Memorandum of Agreement shall become invalid thirty (30) days after the other Party has received the said notification.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Memorandum of Agreement.

DONE in Manila on 17 February 2011 in two originals in the English and Persian languages, both text being equally authentic. In cases of divergence, the English text shall prevail.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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