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AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND ON THE PREVENTION AND FIGHT AGAINST CRIMINAL ACT...

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand (hereinafter referred to as "The Parties");

PROCEEDING from the aspiration to further strengthen friendly relations and multifaceted cooperation between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Thailand and to contribute to the promotion of peace, stability, cooperation and development in the region and in the world;

COGNIZANT of the principle of respect for the independence, sovereignty, integrity and noninterference in internal affairs; and

RECOGNIZING the significance and mutual benefit of the two States in the establishment of cooperative relations on prevention and fight against criminal activities;

HAVE agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall cooperate with each other to prevent and fight against criminal activities in conformity with the laws and regulations in force in the Kingdom of Thailand and the Republic of the Philippines:

1. Illicit manufacturing and trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, precursors and essential chemicals;

2. Illegal trafficking in arms, ammunition, explosive and radioactive materials;

3. Kidnapping or trafficking of women and children;

4. International terrorist activities;

5. International smuggling;

6. Economic crimes;

7. Making and circulating of counterfeit money and documents;

8. Illegal migration; and

9. Such other criminal activities as may be jointly decided by both Parties from time to time.

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ARTICLE 2

In order to implement Article 1 of this Agreement, the Parties shall carry out the cooperation with the following modes, subject to the laws and regulations of the Parties;

1. Exchange of information, documents and expertise of the activities provided in Article 1. Tine Parties commit themselves to the confidentiality of the contents of classified information and documents exchanged.

The exchanged information and documents shall not be transferred to a third Party without the consent in writing of the supplying Party.

2. The Parties shall always coordinate in planning and carrying out the measures to prevent and fight against criminal activities in Article 1.

ARTICLE 3

Each Party shall not, within the scope of its existing laws and regulations, allow its territory to be utilized by any individual or organization for carrying out activities which are detrimental to national security, social order and safety of the other Party.

ARTICLE 4

The Parties shall cooperate in such areas as research, personnel training, exchange of studies, and in the organization of and participation in international seminars and workshops.

ARTICLE 5

The Parties shall send delegations to visit each other and exchange expertise about operations on prevention and fight against criminal activities and to discuss the implementation of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6

The expenses on international travel of delegations for working visits, study tours, exchange of experiences, studies, participation in conferences, seminars, etc. under this Agreement shall be borne by the sending Party. The expenses for food and other amenities for the visiting delegations shall be borne by the receiving Party.

ARTICLE 7

For the purposes of the implementation of this Agreement, there shall be designated an Implementing Agency. The Implementing Agency for the Kingdom of Thailand shall be the Royal Thai Police and for the Republic of the Philippines shall be the Department of Interior and Local Government.

ARTICLE 8

Any dispute between the Articles arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled by consultations or negotiations.

ARTICLE 9

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the later written notification by the Parties, through diplomatic channels, indicating that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with.

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ARTICLE 10

Any amendment or revision to the text of this Agreement shall be done by mutual consent of the Parties. This amendment or revision shall enter into force in accordance with Article 9.

ARTICLE 11

This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect unless one Party officially notifies the other Party, through diplomatic channels, of its desire to suspend or terminate this Agreement. In such a case, the Agreement shall remain valid until thirty (30) days after the date on which one Party receives an official notification from the other Party expressing the desire of the latter to suspend or terminate the validity of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties have affixed their seals thereto.

Done at Bangkok on 18th day of December 1998, in duplicate, in the Thai and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the
Republic of the Philippines

(Sgd.) (DOMINGO L. SIAZON, JR.)
Secretary of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of the Philippines

For the Government of the
Kingdom of Thailand

(Sgd.) (SURIN PITSUWAN)
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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