

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA ON BILA...

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The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of External Relations of the Republic of Angola, hereinafter referred to as "Participants",

Desiring to promote the relations of friendship and cooperation between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Angola;

Convinced that regular consultations will intensify dialogue relative to a number of issues of mutual interest through cooperation;

Guided by the principles of the United Nations Charter and universally accepted Rules of International Law;

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

Objective

The present memorandum of understanding has the purpose of establishing a process of political consultations at a diplomatic level which would constitute a useful mechanism to promote bilateral dialogue between the two Participants.

Article 2

Scope of application

- Political consultations cover, among others, the following areas:

- a) Bilateral relations;
- b) Regional and international issues of common interest;
- c) Implementation of bilateral and international agreements;
- and d) Exchange of views on matters of common concern.

Article 3

Competent authorities

- The following entities are considered as the competent authorities for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding:

- a) Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines;
- b) Ministry of External Relations of the Republic of Angola

- Consultations will be carried out by said Participants or by duly appointed representatives, in the Philippines and in Angola.

Article 4

Consultations

- Each Participant will designate in advance, through diplomatic channels, the levels, agenda, dates and place of the consultations and other forms of consultation.
- Each Participant will bear the expenses related to the participation of its delegation in the consultations.
- The Participants may meet alternately whenever necessary, for consultations related to the development of bilateral relations, based on existing agreements and major international issues, and may provide information and positions agreed on issues of common interest.

Article 5

Contacts between institutions

- The Participants will facilitate and encourage cooperation and direct contacts between institutions of each country specializing in international relations, and in the political, economic, commercial, scientific, technological, cultural, social and other fields.
- The permanent diplomatic representations of the Republic of the Philippines and of the Republic of Angola to the United Nations, and other International Organizations, as well as the respective Embassies in third countries, may make direct contacts between each other on international, regional and bilateral issues of common interest.

Article 6

Contacts in the Multilateral Context

- The responsible officers and experts of the two Participants may consult with each other and exchange information and experience during conferences, congresses and other international events for concertation of positions in areas of common interest.
- The Participants pledge to organize, as much as possible, study trips for officials of both Participants for the exchange of experience, professional training and the handling of cooperation dossiers.

Article 7

Legal Effects

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any legally binding obligations.

Article 8

Amendments

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent, through the exchange of notes, through diplomatic channels.

Article 9

Settlement of disputes

Any disputes, doubts or omissions emerging from the interpretation and application of this Memorandum of Understanding, shall be resolved by the Participants, through consultations and direct negotiations, through diplomatic channels.

Article 10

Termination

- Each Participant may at any time terminate this Memorandum by means of a written notification, through

diplomatic channels. The termination shall take effect ninety (90) days after the receipt of said notification.

- The termination of the present Memorandum of Understanding does not affect the programs and projects in progress, which shall continue until their conclusion.

Article 11

Implementation and Validity

The present Memorandum of Understanding shall be implemented immediately on the date of its signature and is valid for a period of five (5) years, renewable automatically, for equal and successive periods, if neither party makes a complaint.

Done in Luanda, Angola, on the 19[th] of December of 2022, in two original copies in English and Portuguese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

(Sgd.) (Sgd.)

For the Department of For the Ministry of External Relations

Foreign Affairs of the of the Republic of Angola

Republic of the Philippines

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