BILATERAL

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE STATE OF KUWAIT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the State of Kuwait (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”), desiring to promote cooperation between their countries in the field of health on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of experiences in the following fields:

- Health Administration / Governance

- Public Health and Prevention of Diseases

- Maternal and Child Health Services

- Emergency Medical Service

- Pharmaceuticals Management

- Medical, Sanitary, and Medical Rehabilitation

- Health Human Resource Management

- Health Financing / Health Insurance

Article 2

The Parties shall exchange and share information on health conferences and other activities organized and hosted in their respective countries.

Article 3

The Parties shall exchange information related to health care, including policies and legislation, statistics, medical publications, and health reports in the different fields of medicine and pharmacy issued by both countries.

Article 4

The Parties shall facilitate the exchange of short visits by personnel working in the health care sector to improve the quality of health services and to benefit from both Parties’ experiences and best practices.

Article 5

The Parties shall develop mechanisms for sustaining the development of human resources for health, including capacity-building through training, education, and expertise development. Both Parties shall also support initiatives such as upgrading health facilities, strengthening training institutions, and facilitating the transfer of technology and skills.

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Article 6

The Parties shall develop mechanisms to promote an ethical framework that considers the socio-economic impact of the migration of human resources for health.

Article 7

The Parties shall promote cooperation to ensure increased, better, and sustained investments in health financing and social health insurance aimed at improving health outcomes.

Article 8

The Parties shall encourage the organization of pharmaceutical and medical exhibitions in both countries.

Article 9

The Parties shall coordinate in the field of medical research to improve health performance levels in their countries.

Article 10

Implementation of all activities under this Agreement shall be in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations of both countries.

Article 11

- This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the later written notification whereby one Party informs the other, through diplomatic channels, that it has satisfied the legal national procedures required for its entry into force.

- This Agreement may be amended with the written consent of both Parties. Such amendment shall be effective in accordance with the procedures mentioned in the previous paragraph.

- This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and shall be automatically renewed for similar periods unless either Party notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate this Agreement at least six (6) months before the intended date of termination.

Done in Manila on the 15th day of August 2008 in two original texts, in the Arabic and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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