BILATERAL

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY CONCERNING ENTRY VISAS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC, SPECIAL, OFFIC...

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

Desiring to further promote the development of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries;

And wishing to facilitate official travels of their nationals;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Nationals of either Contracting Party holding valid diplomatic, special, official or service passport not accredited to either Contracting Party may travel to and stay for a period not exceeding 30 days in the territory of the other Contracting Party without a visa prior to their journeys.

ARTICLE 2

- Nationals of either Contracting Party holding valid diplomatic, special, official or service passports who are assigned to the diplomatic or consular missions of that Contracting Party in the territory of the other Contracting Party and the members of their immediate families holding valid diplomatic, special, official or service passports, shall be required entry visas and, upon arrival, be issued multiple entry visas valid for the duration of their assignments.

- The provisions of Paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to nationals of either Contracting Party holding valid diplomatic, special, official or service passports, who are assigned to official international organizations based in the territory of the other Contracting Party and to the members of their immediate families holding valid diplomatic, special, official or service passports.

ARTICLE 3

Nationals of one Contracting Party referred to in Article 1 who travel to the territory of the other Contracting Party for any of the following reasons are obliged to get visas appropriate for their purposes prior to their journey:

- For gainful purposes such as employment or to practice a profession;

- To study or for training purposes; or

- To stay for a period of more than 30 days for any reason.

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ARTICLE 4

- The Contracting Parties shall exchange specimens of all their valid passports through diplomatic channels within 30 days of the signing of this Agreement.

- If either Contracting Party shall modify its diplomatic, special, official or service passports, it shall provide specimens of these passports to the other Contracting Party at least 60 days before they are introduced.

ARTICLE 5

Nationals of either Contracting Party shall enter or exit the territory of the other Contracting Party only at ports of entry designated for international passenger traffic.

ARTICLE 6

This Agreement does not exempt the nationals of either Contracting Party from the obligation to observe the laws and regulations of the other Contracting Party, especially when they travel to the territory of that Contracting Party,

ARTICLE 7

- Contracting Parties reserve the right to deny entry to or prevent the further sojourn in their territories of the nationals of the other Contracting Party, presence of whom they consider undesirable.

- Either Contracting Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement as a whole or in part for reasons of national security, public health or public order. Such suspension of this Agreement shall be notified immediately to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 8

This agreement may be amended upon the mutual agreement by the Contracting Parties. These amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the provisions on entry into force.

ARTICLE 9

- This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the later notification by the Parties indicating compliance with their respective internal legal requirements for its entry into force.

- This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years and shall be automatically renewed for successive periods of three (3) years, unless one of the Contracting Parties terminates it in writing, through diplomatic channels, by giving three (3) months notice before the expiration of its validity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Manila on February 22, 1999 in English.

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REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

Joint Communiqué
on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations
between the Republic of the Philippines and Iceland

The Republic of the Philippines and Iceland, guided by mutual willingness to develop fraternal ties of friendship and cooperation in the political, economic, humanitarian and other fields, have decided to establish diplomatic relations as of the date of the signing of this Joint Communiqué.

The two countries agreed to establish their diplomatic relations in accordance with the Vienna Convention of 18 April 1961 on Diplomatic Relations and relevant principles and norms of the United Nations Charter and International Law.

The Republic of the Philippines and Iceland are fully convinced that the establishment of diplomatic relations corresponds to the interests of the two States and will further strengthen international peace and security.

In witness whereof, the undersigned representatives, duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this Joint Communiqué in two originals, in the English language, all texts being equally authentic.

Done in New York, on 24 February 1999.

For the Republic of the Philippines:

For Iceland:

(Sgd.) Felipe Mabilangan

(Sgd.) Thorsteinn Ingolfsson

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