BILATERAL

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC ON THE WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC OR OFFI...

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Czech Republic, herein referred to as the "Contracting Parties", desiring to provide facilities to official missions between both countries,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. Citizens of the Republic of the Philippines holding valid diplomatic or official passports, not accredited in the Czech Republic, shall be exempted from visa requirement to enter into, exit from, transit, and stay in the territory of the Czech Republic, for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days.

2. Citizens of the Czech Republic holding valid diplomatic or service passports, not accredited in the Philippines, shall be exempted from visa requirement to enter into, exit from, transit, and stay in the territory of the Republic of the Philippines, for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days.

Article 2

1. Citizens of the Republic of the Philippines holding valid Philippine diplomatic or official passports travelling to the Czech Republic to assume their posts at a diplomatic mission or consular office, shall be required visa and shall be issued visa valid for the period of duration of their diplomatic or consular assignment. This provision shall also apply to their dependents and household members provided they hold diplomatic or official passports.

2. Citizens of the Czech Republic holding valid Czech diplomatic or service passports travelling to the Philippines to assume their posts at a diplomatic mission or consular office, shall be required visa and shall be issued visa valid for the period of duration of their diplomatic or consular assignment. This provision shall also apply to their dependents and household members provided they hold valid diplomatic or service passports.

Article 3

1. Citizens of the Republic of Philippines holding valid diplomatic or official passports travelling to the Czech Republic to assume posts of assignment at international organizations based in the Czech Republic shall be required visa.

2. Citizens of the Czech Republic holding valid diplomatic or service passports travelling to the Philippines to assume posts of assignment at international organizations based in the Republic of the Philippines shall be required visa.

Article 4

Dependents of persons mentioned in Article 3 holding valid diplomatic, official or service passports shall be

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similarly required visa.

Article 5

Holders of diplomatic, official and service passports may enter the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party at all ports of entry opened for international traffic.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party shall reserve the right to deny the entry or shorten or terminate the duration of stay of citizens of the state of the other Contracting Party if such citizens are considered undesirable or persona non grata.

Article 7

This Agreement does not exempt holders of diplomatic, service or official passports from the obligation to comply with legal regulations of the state of the other Contracting Party on the entry, stay and exit of foreigners.

Article 8

1. Each Contracting Party can temporarily suspend the implementation of this Agreement in part or in full for reasons of national security, public order or health protection and for other serious reasons.

2. The suspension of this Agreement shall be immediately notified to the other Contracting Party through diplomatic channels and shall take effect on the date of delivery of this notification.

Article 9

1. The Contracting Parties shall exchange through diplomatic channels specimens of respective passports within thirty (30) days after the signing of this Agreement.

2. In case of a change of valid passports the Contracting Parties shall exchange their new specimens with the information regarding their use through diplomatic channels within thirty (30) days prior to its introduction.

Article 10

1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon the expiry of the thirtieth day following the delivery of the second diplomatic note informing about the fulfilment of the domestic requirements necessary for its entry into force.

2. Any changes or amendments to the text of the Agreement may be made only on the basis of an agreement between the Contracting Parties. These changes or amendments shall enter into force in accordance with paragraph 1.

3. This Agreement shall remain in force until either Contracting Party notifies the other Party through diplomatic channels about its wish to terminate this Agreement. This Agreement shall terminate in thirty (30) days period after the delivery of the notice in writing.

The undersigned, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Manila on 13 November 2000 in two originals, each in the English and Czech languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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For the Government
of the Republic of the Philippines

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