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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BILATERAL CONSULTATION MECHANISM BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MINIS...

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The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Portuguese Republic hereinafter referred to as the “Signatories”.

REFLECTING the desire of both countries to develop and further enhance the friendly relations between both countries;

CONSIDERING that the establishment of periodic consultations and an exchange of ideas on bilateral relations and international matters of mutual interest would be of mutual benefit;

REAFFIRMING their conviction that the further development of friendly relations of cooperation between the two countries will contribute to achievement of peace and mutual understanding in international relations,

Have decided as follows:

Clause 1

The Signatories will conduct periodic consultations with the aim of reviewing all aspects of their bilateral relationship, exchanging views on bilateral and international affairs of mutual interest, and discussing bilateral cooperation in regional and international matters of common interest.

Clause 2

1. The Signatories will conduct the consultations in the spirit of flexibility and cooperation.

2. The modalities for consultations, including the determinations of dates, venue, agenda, and level of representation, will be determined by mutual agreement through diplomatic channels.

Clause 3

1. The present Memorandum of Understanding will take effect on the date of its signature.

2. This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years and will be extended for a similar period unless one of the Signatories notified the other of its desire to suspend or terminate this Memorandum of Understanding six (6) months prior to its intended date of expiration. The suspension or termination should not prejudice the completion of projects initiated under this Memorandum of Understanding.

3. Any changes to the present Memorandum of Understanding will be done in writing by mutual consent of the Signatories, through diplomatic channels and will take effect on the date of signing.

Signed in Lisbon on the 7th of October 2015 in two languages, English and Portuguese, both texts being equally authentic.



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