

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES (THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE) AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AFR...

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The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, represented by the Foreign Service Institute, and The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of the Kingdom of Morocco, represented by the Moroccan Academy for Diplomatic Studies, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants";

Taking into account the friendly and cooperative relations between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Morocco;

Guided by their common desire to establish and develop a cooperative and mutually beneficial relations in training and research;

Have reached the following Understanding:

Paragraph 1

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to reinforce the partnership between the two Participants, and the establishment of a framework for sustainable and dynamic Cooperation in terms of training of junior diplomats and exchange of experiences and information in the field of diplomatic and international relations. The cooperation will be based on the reciprocity and mutual benefit of both Participants.

Paragraph 2

Scope

The two Participants will endeavor to cooperate under this MOU to achieve the following goals:

- Exploring the possibility of organizing training programs for the benefit of diplomats from both countries;
- Exchange of publications edited by each Participant, and of information media or documents of common interest, while ensuring that the intellectual property of which will be fully respected;
- Exchange of knowledge and know-how in terms of training engineering and andragogy transfer;
- Exchange of experts and researchers in different fields linked to diplomacy; and
- Organizing alternate conferences, in the two Academies, for the benefit of diplomats of the foreign affairs ministry of both Participants.

Other forms of cooperation will be jointly decided upon by the two Participants through joint consultations.

Paragraph 3

Expenses

Any financial elements will be discussed jointly before the implementation of any action which will involve expenses.

Paragraph 4

Settlement of Disputes

Any difference arising between the two Participants related to the interpretation or the implementation of this MOU shall be resolved in an amicable manner by consultations through diplomatic channels.

Paragraph 5

Final Provisions

- This MOU shall come into effect on the date of signature. It shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years. Its extension shall be subject to the review of both Participants.
- Either side may, at any time, inform the other in writing of its intention to terminate it, no later than three months (3) prior to its expiration. The termination of this MOU will not affect ongoing activities of cooperation that may have been initiated during its validity period.
- This MOU may be amended by the mutual written consent of the Participants. Such amendment shall come into effect in accordance with subparagraph 1 of this Paragraph.
- This MOU does not create any legally binding obligations on either Participant under international law.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by the Participants have signed this MOU in Rabat on 17[th] March 2022 in duplicate originals in the Arabic and English languages, both texts being equally valid. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English version will prevail.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
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FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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(THE MOROCCAN ACADEMY FOR
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