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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON POLITICAL
CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES**

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, hereinafter referred to as "The Parties";

Expressing their wish to strengthen the existing bilateral relation and cooperation through a mechanism on political consultations.

Recognizing the importance of coordinating on regional and international issues of common interest between the two Parties;

On the adherence of the two Parties to the principals and aims envisaged in the Charter of the United Nations, as well as international law,

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

The Parties will hold consultations on bilateral issues and exchange views on regional and international issues of common interest on a regular basis.

Article 2

The consultations will be held in Abu Dhabi and Manila alternately. The consultations may also be held within the margins of international conferences and meetings.

Article 3

By the prior consent of the Parties, the consultations will be held on the level of Secretary/Undersecretary/Assistant Secretary in the case of the Republic of the Philippines and Ministers, Under Secretary, Minister Assistance and Specific Directors in the case of the United Arab Emirates.

Article 4

The Parties will prepare and approve the agenda of the consultations in advance through diplomatic channels.

Article 5

This Memorandum of Understanding shall not create any legally binding obligation for Parties.