

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BILATERAL CONSULTATIVE FORUM

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter referred to singularly as a "Party" and jointly as "the Parties");

WISHING TO strengthen and consolidate the existing friendly relations between their two peoples and countries;

ACKNOWLEDGING the duty and the desire to promote and consolidate political, economic and social relations;

REAFFIRMING their conviction that the future development of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries will contribute to international peace and security by means of creating mutual confidence, understanding and cooperation in international relations;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

Article 1

ESTABLISHMENT OF A BILATERAL CONSULTATIVE FORUM

The Parties shall establish a Bilateral Consultative Forum (hereinafter referred to as "the Forum") between the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Department of International Relations and Co-operation of the Republic of South Africa to foster, govern and monitor bilateral cooperation, for their mutual benefit, in any area of cooperation agreed upon.

Article 2

OBJECTIVE OF THE FORUM

The objective of the Forum shall be to broaden and strengthen cooperation between the Parties in all fields and it shall to that end be competent:

- a. To conduct bilateral consultations on issues of mutual interest; and
- b. To follow and make proposals regarding the implementation of the agreements already concluded or those which are to be concluded between the Parties.

Article 3

SUB-FORUMS

The Forum may, in order to implement the decisions adopted by it, establish Sub-Forums and/or working groups.