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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN ON THE ABOLITION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS AND THE FACILITATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF ENTRY VISAS TO HOLDERS OF OFFICIAL PASSPORTS

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (hereinafter referred to individually as a "Contracting Party" and collectively as the "Contracting Parties");

RECOGNIZING the existing friendly relations between the Contracting Parties;

DESIRIOUS of improving such friendly relations by facilitating the travel of the citizens of the two Contracting Parties holding Diplomatic and Official Passports;

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

Citizens of the Republic of the Philippines and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, holding valid diplomatic passports as well as their dependents, shall enter into, transit through or stay in the territory of the other Contracting Party without visa

ARTICLE 2

Citizens of the Contracting Parties to whom Article 1 of this Agreement applies shall be allowed to stay within the territory of the other Contracting Party for a period not exceeding three months. This period of stay may be extended at their request subject to the consent of the competent authorities of the receiving Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 3

The Contracting Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, their respective valid passport specimens within thirty (30) days after the entry into force of this Agreement. The Contracting Parties shall inform each other about the introduction of new types and classification of passports, as well as change or modification to those currently in use and shall furnish each other relevant specimens within thirty (30) days prior to their use.

ARTICLE 4

Notwithstanding the exemption from obtaining entry visas under this Agreement, it is the duty of persons benefiting therefrom to comply with the laws and regulations of the receiving Contracting Party regarding entry into, stay in and exit from the receiving Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 5

Each Contracting Party reserves the right to refuse entry to persons regarded as persona non-grata or considered as undesirable and to terminate the stay of such