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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA ON CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL CO-OPERATION

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Estonia, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties";

Desirous of strengthening the friendship, understanding and the sense of shared values between the two countries;

Determined to translate these bonds into co-operation instruments in order to strengthen their relations;

Acknowledging that culture and education are vital components of development;

Further acknowledging that co-operation in culture and education strengthens interstate relations by building up not only institutional networking but also people-to-people contacts;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Parties shall encourage co-operation on the basis of reciprocity in accordance with their respective legislation.

AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

ARTICLE II

The Parties shall agree to strengthen their bilateral co-operation in the areas of education, culture, sports, mass media, and information technology.

I CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

ARTICLE III

To foster educational co-operation, the Parties shall endeavour as much as possible to promote academic networking and exchanges between and reciprocal access to educational institution/s.

ARTICLE IV

The Parties shall promote, both in the public and private sectors, reciprocal study visits, scholarships, study and research professorships, and exchanges, and shall endeavour to provide the appropriate facilities to this end, for students, faculty and support staff, school administrators, researchers, and scientific personnel of one country seeking to study in institutions of higher education and research laboratories in the other country.

ARTICLE V

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate the exchange of periodicals and materials on general information, educational methodology, statistics and educational literature, including, where possible, information technology link-ups. .

ARTICLE VI

The Parties shall endeavour to exchange information and documentation, and shall take all necessary steps, in order to establish the comparability of qualifications giving access to higher education and higher education qualifications.

ARTICLE VII

Each Party shall encourage the study, teaching, research on, and dissemination of the languages, culture, history, as well as translation of the literature of the other country in the appropriate educational and scientific institutions. To this end, scholarships/research grants for students, researchers, specialists, and teachers shall be provided in institutions to be identified by each Party.

ARTICLE VIII

To the extent possible, each Party shall encourage the establishment of professorial chairs in such fields of study and in education institutions as may be acceptable to the participating institutions, and, if feasible, by bringing in appropriate partners.

ARTICLE IX

The Parties shall encourage reciprocal participation in educational congresses, conferences, symposia, and seminars in each other's country.

II CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE

ARTICLE X

The Parties shall endeavour to promote as much as possible, in the public and private-sectors, networking and exchanges between and reciprocal access to libraries, museums, archives, cultural establishments, and anthropological institutions.

ARTICLE XI

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate the exchange of periodicals and materials on cultural and historical studies, conservation and restoration.

ARTICLE XII

The Parties shall endeavour to encourage, both in the public and private sectors, reciprocal visits, trainings and scholarships, and research exchanges in their respective countries, and shall endeavour to provide the appropriate facilities to this end, for cultural experts, researchers, scientists and representatives of state archives, state and provincial libraries, state and provincial museums, and other cultural establishments and foundations.

ARTICLE XIII

The Parties shall likewise endeavour to make provisions to citizens of the respective countries for access to libraries, documentation centres, archives, museums, galleries and other cultural, scientific and educational institutions in the other

country for purposes consistent with the present Agreement and in accordance with national legislation.

ARTICLE XIV

The Parties shall strengthen co-operation in the control, protection, recovery, conservation, and restoration of the cultural and artistic patrimony of each country, and shall facilitate reciprocal access to the other's cultural properties and patrimony, including all assets that are defined as being part of their cultural heritage, in accordance with their respective legislation.

ARTICLE XV

The Parties shall undertake measures to prevent illegal importation and transfer of rights of ownership over items of cultural heritage of each of the Parties in accordance with norms of international law and other relevant laws on intellectual property.

ARTICLE XVI

The Parties shall promote and enhance knowledge and understanding among their respective peoples, at the national and, where possible, at the local level, of the visual, musical and performing arts, literature, handicrafts and folklore, traditional artistic and cultural forms of expression, and other cultural activities of the other country in particular, by:

- the exchange of visits of performers, writers, composers, conductors, artists, private sector and public sector media practitioners and information officers, critics and art experts, and other representatives of creative professions;
- the exchange of visits of musical and performing arts groups, and of exhibitions;
- the establishment of contacts between creative associations, organisations and cultural institutions, both public and private;
- the use of information technology, in accordance with national legislation and international norms, and without prejudice to intellectual property rights.

ARTICLE XVII

The Parties shall endeavour to provide opportunities for and facilitate participation of scientists, experts, art critics, artists, students, cultural planners, private sector and public sector media practitioners and information officers from each other's country in its cultural and artistic congresses, conferences, symposia, and seminars.

ARTICLE XVIII

The Parties shall co-operate for the dissemination in each other's country of the other's literary, musical, artistic and published scientific works of authors in the fields provided for in the present Agreement

ARTICLE XIX