

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN
REPUBLIC ON THE ASSISTED RETURN AND READMISSION OF
PERSONS**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Italian Republic hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties";

Desiring to facilitate the readmission of persons illegally entering or staying in the territory of the other Contracting Party and to ensure that these persons are treated in a dignified and human manner preserving their rights and protecting their interests;

Acting in a spirit of cooperation and on the basis of reciprocity; endeavoring to prevent illegal and irregular migration;

The Contracting Parties have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1. Each Contracting Party, upon written communication by the other Contracting Party, shall readmit into its territory any person who does not or who no longer meets the requirements in force for entry or stay in the territory of the requesting Contracting Party, when it is proved by competent authorities that the above mentioned person is a citizen of the requested Contracting Party.

2. The readmission procedures shall be implemented without delay when the person concerned is in possession of a passport or another internationally recognized and currently valid travel document. The return of the person concerned shall always be organized in coordination with the competent consular representation at all times.

3. If these documents are not produced, the consular representation of each country shall issue an internationally accepted travel document to the persons identified as nationals of their respective countries.

For the Philippines:

A travel document valid for a single direct journey to the Philippines

For Italy:

A travel document valid for a single direct journey to Italy

ARTICLE 2

1. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall determine the citizenship of the persons in Article 1 paragraph 1 in accordance with their respective laws on citizenship.

2. If deemed necessary, the requesting Contracting Party may request the diplomatic and consular officers of the requested Contracting Party to help ascertain the citizenship of the person liable to readmission. The latter shall be interviewed as