

**August 16, 2000**

**AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT COMMISSION  
FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties";

CONVINCED of the necessity of lasting and effective cooperation in the interests of both countries;

GUIDED by the desire to strengthen the existing friendly relations and to promote the expansion of bilateral cooperation between the two countries based on the principles of equality, mutual benefit and full respect of sovereignty;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

The Contracting Parties shall establish a Joint Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") to facilitate consultation and cooperation between the two countries, particularly in the political, economic, trade, social, cultural, and other fields of mutual interest.

**ARTICLE II**

The Commission shall consider ways and means to promote the aforesaid objectives and to ensure the proper coordination and implementation of all other agreements concluded between the two countries, and take steps to ensure their active and speedy implementation.

**ARTICLE III**

The Commission shall be at the level of Foreign Minister and its composition shall be determined by the Contracting Parties.

**ARTICLE IV**

The Commission shall determine its rules and procedures and may establish working groups to deal with specific subjects brought before it.

**ARTICLE V**

The Commission shall meet by mutual agreement as and when necessary, alternately in the Philippines and in Cambodia. The meetings will be preceded by a meeting at the Senior Officials level.

**ARTICLE VI**

The present Agreement shall come into force on the date of the last notification by which the Contracting Parties inform each other, through diplomatic channels, that