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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A POLITICAL CONSULTATION MECHANISM BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties,"

- With a view to further enhancing the friendly relations and deepening the cooperation already existing between the Philippines and Turkey, and to give new dimensions to this cooperation,
Have agreed as follows;

ARTICLE I

The Parties shall hold political consultations every two (2) years or at any time mutually convenient to both Parties to review their bilateral relations and to exchange views on regional and international issues of common interest.

ARTICLE II

The consultations shall be carried out alternately in Manila and Ankara. The consultations may also take place in a third country on the occasion of an international conference or meeting participated by both Parties. During such international conference or meeting, the Parties shall also seek the possibilities of cooperation and coordination on issues of common interest for the two countries.

The Parties may also decide to hold consultations through their Permanent Representatives at the United Nations in New York or at any other international organization.

ARTICLE III

The Delegations, conducting political consultations, shall be presided over by high-ranking officials of "both the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.

ARTICLE IV

The agenda of the consultations shall be agreed upon in advance through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE V

At the consultation meetings, the Parties shall review and evaluate the developments in the political, economic, consular, cultural, technological and scientific areas of bilateral relations and an exchange of views to further enhance these relations will be held.

ARTICLE VI