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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR ON VISA
EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL
PASSPORTS**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Union of Myanmar (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties;")

DESIRING to further expand their bilateral cooperation;

HAVE AGREED on the following with respect to holders of diplomatic and official passports :

ARTICLE 1

Citizens of the Republic of the Philippines and the Union of Myanmar holding valid diplomatic and official passports, shall be permitted to enter into, exit from, and transit to the territory of the other Party through respective international ports without visas.

ARTICLE 2

Citizens referred to in Article 1, shall be permitted to stay in the territory of the other Party for a maximum of 30 days from the date of entry. This duration of stay may be extended by the competent authorities of the respective Party upon a written request of the Foreign Ministry of the other Party.

ARTICLE 3

Each Party shall reserve the right to prevent the entry or shorten or terminate the duration of stay of citizens of the other Party if such citizens are considered unacceptable or persona non grata.

ARTICLE 4

As to Citizens of each Party and members of their families, holding valid diplomatic and official passports appointed to work in Diplomatic, Consular Offices, or International Organizations, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sending State shall notify the Diplomatic Mission of the Receiving State before such persons assume their duties and secure the necessary visa before their departure.

ARTICLE 5

The Parties shall proceed to an exchange of their respective valid passport specimens through diplomatic channels within thirty days after the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding. Any Party modifying its passports shall present a specimen of the new passport to the other Party within 30 days prior to use.

ARTICLE 6