

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON THE PREVENTION AND
FIGHT AGAINST CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, hereinafter referred as "The Parties";

Proceeding from the aspiration to further strengthen friendly relations and multi-faceted cooperation between the Republic of the Philippines and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and to contribute to the promotion of peace, stability, cooperation and development in the region and in the world;

Cognizant of the principle of respect for the independence, sovereignty, integrity and non-interference in internal affairs; and

Recognizing the significance and mutual benefit of the two States in the establishment of co-operative relations on prevention and fight against criminal activities;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

On the basis of the laws and regulations in force in the Republic of the Philippines and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Parties shall cooperate with each other to prevent and fight against the following criminal activities:

1. Illicit trading and trafficking of weapons, military technical equipment, explosives, toxic chemicals, inflammable substances and radioactive materials;
2. Illicit manufacturing and trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, precursors and essential chemicals;
3. Kidnapping or trafficking of women and children;
4. Terrorism;
5. International smuggling;
6. Money laundering;
7. Making and circulating of counterfeit money and documents;
8. Illegal migration; and
9. Such other criminal activities as may be jointly decided by both Parties from time to time.

ARTICLE 2

In order to implement Article 1 of this Agreement, the Parties shall carry out the cooperation with the following modes: