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**BASIC AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
MEXICAN STATES**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United Mexican States, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

MOTIVATED by the desire to strengthen the traditional ties of friendship existing between the Parties,

CONSCIOUS of their common interest to promote and foster technical and scientific progress and of the mutual advantages that would result from cooperation in fields of common interest,

CONVINCED of the importance of establishing mechanisms that contribute to the development of such cooperation and of the need to implement technical and scientific cooperation programs that have a significant impact on the economic and social advancement of their respective countries.

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. The Parties, based on the provisions of this Agreement, commit themselves hereby to formulate and execute, by mutual agreement, technical and scientific cooperation programs and projects, taking into account the priority areas of the two countries in research and development.
2. In their execution, such programs and projects may involve the participation of entities and bodies, including those in public and private sectors of both countries as well as universities, technical and scientific organizations and wherever deemed appropriate, non-governmental organizations.
3. On the basis of this Agreement, the Parties may sign supplementary technical and scientific cooperation agreements in specific areas as agreed upon; if deemed necessary, concerned institutions of the two Parties may also conclude separate agreements.

ARTICLE II

Technical and scientific cooperation between the Parties shall be effected through the following forms:

- a) Joint or coordinated research and development programs and projects;
- b) Exchange of experts;
- c) Sending of equipment and material for and/or execution of specific projects;

- d) Providing short term training in public civilian and private institutions for upgrading professional skills;
- e) Preparation of internship programs for professional training;
- f) Assistance in the establishment and operation of research institutions, laboratories or advanced training centers;
- g) Organizing seminars, conferences and workshops;
- h) Providing consultancy services and conducting feasibility studies;
- i) Participation in joint research and development projects or programs with industrial applications;
- j) Exchange of technical and scientific information; k) Any other arrangement agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE III

Whenever deemed appropriate, the Parties may by mutual consent request for financing from and participation of International Organizations or institutions of Third Countries in the execution of programs and projects carried out under this Agreement. The cost of such participation for Third Countries should be paid by them, unless the Parties stipulate otherwise.

ARTICLE IV

1. In order to bring about effective coordination of the activities under this Agreement, the Parties will set up a Mixed Commission on Technical and Scientific Cooperation, composed of an equal number of representatives of the Parties. The Mixed Commission will meet biennially and alternately in each of the two countries on the dates agreed upon through diplomatic channels. The Mixed Commission will have the following functions:

- A) To define the priority areas for technical and scientific cooperation, projects and programs;
- B) To review and approve biennial technical and scientific cooperation projects and programs;
- C) To oversee the proper implementation of this Agreement and submit to the Parties its recommendations for effective implementation of this Agreement.

2. Each program or project should specify the areas, objectives, financial and technical resources as well as the time frame agreed upon; in addition, the obligations including those pertaining to financial matters of each of the Parties should be specified.

3. Without prejudice to the provisions of Paragraph 1 of this Article, either Party may, at any date, submit specific projects or programs for the consideration and approval of the other Party.

4. All research and development programs and projects for its approval should be submitted for approval to a process of evaluation by counterparts which guarantee