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**TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties;

Desiring to develop and strengthen direct trade relations between them in accordance with their development needs and objectives on equitable and mutually beneficial bases;

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I
(UMBRELLA PROVISIONS)**

The Contracting Parties shall promote and develop the expansion of bilateral trade between them within the framework of the laws and regulations effective in their respective countries.

**ARTICLE II
(MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION TREATMENT)**

The Contracting Parties shall grant each other most-favoured-nation treatment in all matters relating to:

- a. Customs duties and charges of any kind including the method of levying such duties and charges imposed on or in connection "with importation or exportation, or imposed on the transfer of payments for imports and exports;
- b. Rules and formalities connected with customs clearance;
- c. All internal taxes or other internal charges of any kind imposed on or in connection with the imports and exports; and
- d. The issuance of import and export licences.

**ARTICLE III
(EXEMPTIONS FROM MFN)**

The provisions of Article II shall not apply to:

- a. Special preferences or other advantages accorded by either Party resulting from its association in a regional or subregional arrangement, customs union or a free trade area or measures leading to the formation of a customs union or a free trade area.
- b. Special tariff preferences or other advantages which either Party grants or may grant to facilitate frontier/border traffic.

c. Special tariff preferences or other advantages which either Party may grant to developing countries under any trade expansion or economic cooperation scheme of which the other Party is not a member.

d. Special tariff preferences or other advantages which the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan grants or may grant to any Member State of the Arab League.

ARTICLE IV (MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT ON MERCHANT SHIPPING AND AIR TRANSPORT)

Merchant cargo - bearing vessels / cargo - bearing aeroplanes including their crews shall be granted most-favoured-nation treatment in respect of entry into, stay in, and departure from the harbour/airport of the other party, in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations in force in the said other party.

Merchant cargo-bearing vessels/cargo-bearing aeroplanes of either party that are in distress shall be permitted to take refuge in the nearest harbour/airport of the other party and shall receive friendly treatment, assistance, and protection.

ARTICLE V SAFEGUARD MEASURES

No provisions of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such a manner as to prevent the adoption or enforcement by other Contracting Party of measures:

- a. necessary to safeguard its balance of payment position;
- b. necessary to protect public health, morals, order or security;
- c. necessary to prevent injury to domestic industries or the threat thereof;
- d. necessary to protect human, animal or plant life against diseases, pollution, or threat to life;
- e. relating to traffic in arms, ammunitions, implements of war, or traffic in other materials carried on directly or indirectly for the purpose of supplying a military establishment; and
- f. relating to fissionable (nuclear) materials, the source thereof, or the radioactive by-products thereof except as may be required for medical purposes.

ARTICLE VI (PAYMENTS ARRANGEMENTS)

1. All payments arising from trade between the two countries shall be made in freely convertible currencies, subject to foreign exchange regulations and other pertinent laws, rules, and regulations effective in either country.

2. Payments between the two countries may also be effected through other payment arrangements subject to the

laws and regulations in force in both countries.