

October 25, 1973

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL FOR
THE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE RECIPROCAL
ABOLITION OF NON-IMMIGRANT VISA REQUIREMENTS**

Note: The Agreement entered into force, October 25, 1973.

Reference: This Agreement is also published in XII DFA TS No. 1, p. 80.

Manila, October 25, 1973

Mister Secretary:

I have the honor to refer to the conversations held between the officials of our two governments concerning the abolition of visa requirements for the citizens of the Republic of the Philippines and of the Federative Republic of Brazil, and to confirm the following:

- 1) Holders of valid diplomatic passports who are members of the Philippine diplomatic mission or consulate(s) in Brazil, as well as member of their households, may enter the territory of Brazil without visas for the duration of their mission.
- 2) Holders of valid diplomatic passports who are members of the Brazilian diplomatic mission or consulate(s) in the Philippines, as well as members of their households, may enter the territory of the Philippines without visas for the duration of their mission.
- 3) Holders of valid official passports who are administrative officers and employees of the Philippine diplomatic mission or consulate(s) in Brazil, as well as members of their households, may enter the territory of Brazil without visas for the duration of their mission.
- 4) Holders of valid special passports who are administrative officers and employees of the Brazilian diplomatic mission or consulate in the Philippines, as well as members of their households, may enter the territory of the Philippines without visas for the duration of their mission.
- 5) Holders of valid Philippine diplomatic or official passports who are not included in paragraphs 1 and 3 above may enter the territory of Brazil without visas for a period not exceeding six (6) months.
- 6) Holders of valid Brazilian diplomatic or special passports who are not included in paragraphs 2 and 4 may enter the territory of the Philippines without visas for a period not exceeding six (6) months.
- 7) Holders of valid Philippine regular passports, including tradesmen, businessmen, or contractors, who are not engaged in lucrative activities in Brazil, may enter the territory of Brazil without visas for a maximum period determined by Brazilian laws. This period may be extended upon request to the proper Brazilian authorities, subject to the laws and regulations of Brazil.

8) Holders of valid Brazilian common passports, including tradesmen, businessmen, or contractors who are not engaged in lucrative activities in the Philippines, may enter the territory of the Philippines without visas for a maximum period determined by Philippine laws. This period may be extended upon request to the proper Philippine authorities, subject to the laws and regulations of the Philippines.

9) The maximum period mentioned in paragraphs 7 and 8 above shall be the subject of an exchange of notes between the Contracting Parties.

10) The waiver of visa requirements under the foregoing paragraphs does not exempt citizens of the Republic of the Philippines and of the Federative Republic of Brazil from the requirements of complying with the laws and regulations of both countries concerning employment or the practice of any profession with or without compensation.

11) Each Contracting Party reserves the right to refuse entry or deny further stay in the territory to citizens of the other Contracting Party who may be considered undesirable.

12) Each Contracting Party may temporarily suspend this agreement for reasons of public order. Such suspensions shall be immediately notified to the other Contracting Party.

13) Each Contracting Party may denounce the present agreement by means of a written notification. The denunciation shall take effect three (3) months after the date of the receipt of the notification.

Should the above proposals be acceptable to the Philippine Government, I propose that this note and Your Excellency's reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, to enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply. This will supersede the exchange of notes dated 22 August 1972 on the same matter between the Philippines and Brazil.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

I wish to inform you, Excellency, that the Philippine Government accepts the above mentioned understanding and agrees that your Note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two governments.

(Sgd.) **MILTON TELLES RIBEIRO**

Ambassador of Brazil

Manila, 25 October 1973

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 51 dated 25 October 1973, together with an English translation which reads as follows:

I have the honor to refer to the conversations held between the officials of our two governments concerning the abolition of visa requirements for the citizens of the Republic of the Philippines and of the Federative Republic of Brazil, and to confirm the following: