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**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ON
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PILOT REFORESTATION AND
EROSION CONTROL TRAINING PROJECT IN THE PHILIPPINES**

Note: The Agreement entered into force, March 25, 1969.

Reference: This Agreement is also published in VIII DFA TS No. 1, p. 50.

WHEREAS, an Agreement on Technical Assistance between the Republic of the Philippines and the Federal Republic of Germany was signed on February 5, 1963 by His Excellency Emmanuel Pelaez, Vice President and concurrently Secretary of Foreign Affairs to the Republic of the Philippines, and His Excellency Gerhard Schröder, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany;

WHEREAS, said Agreement became effective on October 2, 1964;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the objectives of the said Agreement and in accordance with its provisions, particularly Article 1, paragraph 2, the signatory Governments have decided to establish a Pilot Reforestation and Erosion Control Training Project in the Philippines with the technical assistance of the Federal Republic of Germany:

NOW THEREFORE, the Governments of the Republic of the Philippines and the Federal Republic of Germany have agreed on the following:

**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A PILOT REFORESTATION AND EROSION CONTROL
TRAINING PROJECT PLAN OF OPERATION**

SUMMARY

German Fund Allocation:	US \$425,000
: Government Contribution:	US \$475,140
Duration:	5 years
Source of Assistance	The Federal Republic of Germany Reforestation Administration
Implementing Agency	Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Republic of the Philippines

For the purpose of implementing the Pilot Reforestation and Erosion Control Project to be undertaken with the assistance of the Federal Republic of Germany, this Plan of Operation shall serve as the Plan of Operation as provided for in the Agreement in

Technical Assistance signed on 5 February 1963 by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Federal Republic of Germany.

I. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

A. PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

1.1 The objectives of the Project are:

- i To establish pilot units in reforestation for demonstration and training purposes in selected areas located in Itogon Reforestation Project, Itogon, Benguet, and Malasag Reforestation Project, Cagayan de Oro City. A plan will be prepared for the development and rehabilitation of these project areas, which will eventually be used as a pattern or model for the development of other similar areas throughout the Philippines.
- ii. To assist the Government in formulating policy and preparing legislation to promote proper management of forests and water resources.

B. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

1.2 The selected project areas are located in Itogon, Benguet, Luzon Island {3,342 has.) and Malasag, Cagayan de Oro City, Mindanao Island (1,183 has.) consisting of second growth forests and grasslands of the public domain within the Reforestation Reservation. The Project areas offer the possibilities of remedying many major problems on the use and/or management of forest and water resources.

1.3 The Project will be divided into three phases:

- i. Reconnaissance survey which will last 3 months during which time the collection and analysis of the existing information relative to soil and vegetative cover, and land use practices within the pilot units for detailed surveys will be undertaken.
- ii. Detailed surveys, demonstrations and training phase which will be 3 years or more and to overlap in the third phase.

The following activities will be conducted during this phase:

- a- detailed surveys of the selected areas to determine measures to be undertaken;
 - b- assistance if needed will be given to the Government to formulate effective policies to carry out purposes of the project; and
 - c. training and demonstration will be carried out within the pilot units: (1) to train local personnel in the preparation and implementation of suggested measures; and (2) to plant at least 100 hectares yearly for demonstration and better understanding of reforestation and erosion control.
- iii. Project Evaluation Phase — This is the final stage where:

- a. evaluation of measures taken will be made to determine whether or not they are feasible, economical and practical;
- b. an integrated development plan for the pilot areas will be prepared;
- c. continuation of implementation of suggested measures through demonstrations and training such gradual transfer of the responsibilities to the local personnel will be carried out; and
- d. initiation and continuation of training of personnel abroad will be undertaken.

1.4 The location of the headquarters of the Project will be in Diliman, Quezon City. Unit headquarters will be provided in Baguio City.

II. PRIOR OBLIGATIONS

2.1 Prior to the commencement of the Project, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines agrees:

- i. to provide the necessary budget and organization to finance and operate the project;
- ii. to construct needed housing and related facilities for the staff and trainees in Baguio City; and
- iii. to prepare a programme designed to gather quantitative and qualitative data for immediate use in demonstration and training and for practical applications to pilot and other areas.

2.2 A Chief Project Advisor and a Project Leader shall be appointed by the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Philippines, respectively.

III. WORK PLAN

A. Participation and Contribution of the Federal Republic of Germany

3.1 The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany shall provide the following:

i. Experts

A total of 15 man-years of expert service as detailed in Appendix 1-1. Within the total 15 man-years of expert service, minor adjustments of individual post assignments may be made by the Implementing Agency in consultation with the Federal Republic of Germany, if this is found to be in the best interest of the project.

ii. Fellowships

A number of fellowships in the field of forestry to start at the end of the 2nd and 3rd year of operation as detailed in Appendix 1-2. Fellowships awarded under this Plan of Operation shall be administered in accordance with the fellowship regulations of the Federal Republic of Germany.