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## **TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM**

Note: The Agreement was concurred in by the Senate, S.R. No. 26, May 21, 1959. The Philippine instrument of ratification was signed by the President, December 18, 1959. The Agreement entered into force, January 21, 1960 upon the exchange of ratification between the parties. It was proclaimed by the President, Proc. No. 654, S. 1960.

Reference; This Agreement is also published in III DFA TS No. 3, p. 10.

The Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Viet-Nam, animated by the desire to strengthen and perpetuate the friendly relations happily existing between them, have resolved to conclude a Treaty of Friendship and, to that end, have appointed as their respective plenipotentiaries,

The President of the Philippines

His Excellency **FELIXBERTO M. SERRANO**,  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

The President of the Republic of Viet-Nam

His Excellency **VU VAN MAU**,  
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

### **ARTICLE I**

There shall be perpetual peace and everlasting amity between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Viet-Nam and their peoples.

### **ARTICLE II**

Should any dispute arise between the two High Contracting Parties which cannot satisfactorily be adjusted by diplomacy, or through mediation or arbitration, the Parties shall not use force for settlement, but shall refer the dispute to the International Court of Justice for final adjudication. This undertaking shall not apply to disputes relating to matters considered respectively by the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Viet-Nam as being essentially of their national competence, and shall not affect the application of the Charter of the United Nations.

### **ARTICLE III**

Each High Contracting Parties shall accredit to the Other diplomatic representatives who, after having been recognized and accepted, shall enjoy during the term of their respective missions, on the basis of reciprocity, the rights privileges and immunities generally recognized under international law and usage.