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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING A ROAD, STREET
AND BRIDGE PROGRAMME**

Note: The Agreement entered into force February 14, 1947.

Reference: This Agreement is also published in I DFA TS No. 2, p. 131
and 16 UNTS, p. 3.

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines is desirous of improving its public roads, streets and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States of America has enacted Public Law No. 370, 79th Congress, approved April 30, 1946, providing, among other things, that its Public Road Administration is authorized to plan, design, restore and build in accordance with its usual contract procedures, in cooperation with the Philippine Government, certain roads, streets and bridges as may be determined necessary from the standpoint of the national defense and economic rehabilitation of the Republic of the Philippines and to the extent that the President of the United States approves the findings in a report on Philippine Highway Requirements as prepared by the Public Roads Administration; and in accordance with such regulations as may be adopted by the Commissioner of the said Public Roads Administration, to provide training for not to exceed ten Filipino engineers from the regularly employed staff of the Philippine Public Works Department, to be designated by the President of the Philippines;

The Governments of the Republic of the Philippines and the United States of America have decided to conclude an agreement for those purposes and have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The responsible agent of the Government of the United States for effectuating the provisions of this Agreement shall be the Commissioner of the United States Public Roads Administration who may delegate to a duly authorized representative all or any part of his authority and responsibility for effectuating the provisions of this Agreement. The duties, functions and powers exercised under the terms of this Agreement by the representative of the Commissioner of the United States Public Roads Administration in the Philippines shall be carried out under the general supervision of the Ambassador of the United States accredited to the Government of the Philippines.

ARTICLE II

The Governments of the Republic of the Philippines and the United States of America agree that the road, street and bridge program in the Republic of the Philippines is to be advanced progressively as may be determined by the duly authorized representative of the Philippine Department of Public Works and Communications and the authorized

representative of the United States Public Roads Administration subject to such regulations as may be issued by the Commissioner of the United States Public Roads Administration and subject to the availability of such funds as may be allotted by the administrative agency of the Government of the United States of America which is or may be authorized and empowered to administer the provisions of the Act of the Congress of the United States of America approved April 30, 1946, referred to above.

ARTICLE III

The United States Public Roads Administration personnel assigned to this work will aid and assist the Philippine Department of Public Works and Communications in making appropriate studies of highway transportation in order that the latter shall be enabled to submit a comprehensive program of work to be undertaken with funds under the Act for each fiscal year as well as the over-all program. These programs will be supported by Project Statements and Project Agreements which are to be determined and negotiated between the Philippine Department of Public Works and Communications and the United States Public Roads Administration.

ARTICLE IV

The United States Public Roads Administration, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, shall provide training during the period of this Agreement for not to exceed ten engineers, citizens of the Republic of the Philippines, in the construction, maintenance, and highway traffic engineering and control necessary for the continued maintenance and for the efficient and safe operation of highway transport facilities.

The President of the Republic of the Philippines shall designate trainees selected in accordance with procedures and standards established by the Commissioner of Public Roads of the United States. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines shall furnish to the United States Embassy at Manila the names of trainees so designated.

ARTICLE V

The United States Public Roads Administration will reimburse the Philippine Department of Public Works and Communications monthly (or as otherwise agreed between these two governmental agencies) in United States dollars for the United States Government's share of the value of the work found to have been satisfactorily performed under any or all active Project Agreements, in accordance with the pro rata and other conditions provided in said Project Agreements.

ARTICLE VI

The United States Public Roads Administration personnel will confer with the Philippine Department of Public Works and Communications accounting and audit staff with respect to maintaining appropriate project cost accounts, and adequate basic field records to be kept by contractors or other constructing agency for jobs handled under force account or