

COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

The GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, on the one hand, and the INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM), hereinafter called the Organization, on the other hand,

RECALLING that the Republic of the Philippines is a member of the Organization since 29 November 1988,

RECALLING the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Inter-Governmental Committee for Migration on the Legal Status, the Privileges and Immunities of this Organization in the Philippines dated 10 January 1986,

RECOGNIZING the significant and successful contribution of the Organization in addressing migration issues in the Philippines,

DESIROUS of strengthening the framework for cooperation between the Organization and the Republic of the Philippines through an updating of the 1986 Agreement,

DESIROUS of expanding the IOM Office in Manila to provide technical and administrative support for IOM offices worldwide,

CONSIDERING that the purpose and functions of the Organization and the activities carried out by the Organization and its staff warrant the granting in the Republic of the Philippines to the Organization and its staff of privileges and immunities substantially identical to those accorded to the specialized agencies of the United Nations and their staff,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1. In accordance with the relevant decisions of its governing Bodies and subject to the availability of funds, the Organization shall implement in the Philippines migration programmes such as capacity building, advisory services and technical cooperation on migration issues, migration information, counter-trafficking, migration health activities, migration of nationals and aliens, assistance to internally and externally displaced persons and other persons in need, return of qualified human resources and other assisted return activities.

2. In order to implement its activities, the Organization is authorized to open offices in the Philippines and to hire staff as required.

3. The IOM Office in Manila may also be used to provide technical and administrative support to IOM offices worldwide.

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