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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF
EGYPT**

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, hereinafter jointly referred to as "Both Parties";

Desiring to develop and strengthen the relations of friendship and mutually advantageous cooperation between the two Countries and peoples;

Working jointly for the safeguarding of international peace as well as to enhance consultations on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest;

HAVE agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Both parties shall establish a Mechanism of consultations at the level of Undersecretary and/or high-ranking officials, as appropriate, of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt which shall, whenever necessary and possible, meet alternately once a year in the capitals of the two countries, to hold consultations on bilateral relations, regional and international issues of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 2

International travel expenses shall be borne by the sending party while other costs related to the visits shall be borne by the receiving party.

ARTICLE 3

Both parties shall promote contacts between their diplomatic and consular missions in third countries to exchange views on matters of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 4

The Permanent Missions of both parties in the United Nations and other international organizations, as well as their representatives attending international conferences, shall maintain regular contacts and shall, whenever necessary, consult each other on issues of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 5

1. The subject matters of the consultations referred to in Article 1 shall include, inter alia, the following:

- i. Issues concerning the deepening of their bilateral cooperation in all fields;