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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON CONSULTATIONS AND
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA**

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, hereinafter referred to as "The Parties";

Desiring to strengthen the existing relations between the two countries and to enhance useful bilateral consultations and exchanges of information in all fields;

Convinced that sincere and constructive dialogue concerning all aspects of the bilateral relations, regional and global topics will contribute and consolidate their relations internationally;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall establish a joint commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," to facilitate consultations and cooperation between the two countries in all fields of mutual concern and interest, particularly in the political, economic, trade, investment, financial, industrial, cultural, educational, social, sport, scientific and technical and technological fields,

ARTICLE 2

The Commission shall consider ways and means to promote the aforesaid objectives and to ensure the proper coordination and implementation of its decisions and/or recommendations. Further, it shall review the progress of the implementation of all other agreements concluded between the two countries, and take steps to ensure their active and speedy implementation.

ARTICLE 3

The level of the joint commission, as well as its composition, shall be determined by mutual agreement.

ARTICLE 4

The dates and venues of the joint commission shall be determined by mutual agreement through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 5

The Parties may set up working groups or expert meetings in order to discuss specific areas of common interest.

ARTICLE 6

Any amendment or revision to the text of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be done by mutual consent