

July 15, 1988

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES and THE INTERNATIONAL
CATHOLIC MIGRATION COMMISSION**

This Memorandum of Agreement, made and entered into by and between the GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, acting through the Department of Foreign Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the GOVERNMENT) and the INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC MIGRATION COMMISSION OF GENEVA, SWITZERLAND (hereinafter referred to as the COMMISSION);

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the COMMISSION confers upon it juridical personality and such legal capacity to act in any manner as will further the aims and objectives of the COMMISSION;

WHEREAS, the purposes and functions of the COMMISSION and the activities carried out by the COMMISSION warrant the granting in the Philippines to the organization and its staff of privileges and immunities substantially identical to those accorded to the agencies of the United Nations and their staff;

WHEREAS, the COMMISSION is engaged in humanitarian work in the Philippines, which is duly recognized by the GOVERNMENT;

NOW, THEREFORE, the PARTIES hereby covenant the following:

**ARTICLE I
JURIDICAL PERSONALITY**

The COMMISSION shall possess juridical personality in the territory of the Philippines, which recognizes its status as similar to that of a specialized agency.

**ARTICLE II
PROPERTY, FUNDS, ASSETS**

1. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, the COMMISSION, including its property, funds and assets shall enjoy privileges in accordance with the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of Specialized Agencies of 21 November 1947, and of Philippines laws and regulations pertinent to this matter.

2. The COMMISSION shall be exempt from all taxes and customs duties on import and export of articles imported or exported for its official use. The articles imported under such exemption may not be sold within the country without the GOVERNMENT'S prior approval and under conditions stipulated by it. The articles may, however, be exported subject to existing laws and regulations of the GOVERNMENT.

**ARTICLE III
OFFICIALS AND ALIEN EMPLOYEES**

1. The COMMISSION shall notify the Department of Foreign Affairs of the date of arrival, date of departure and date of termination of functions of all COMMISSION officials and alien employees.