

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR MIGRATION ON THE LEGAL STATUS, THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THIS ORGANIZATION IN THE PHILIPPINES

The GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, on the one hand, and the INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION, now designated INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR MIGRATION (ICM), hereinafter called the Committee, on the other hand,

BEARING IN MIND that Article 25 of the Constitution of the Committee confers juridical personality on the Committee and such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfillment of its purpose, and that the Committee and its staff should enjoy privileges and immunities as provided for in Article 26 of the Constitution.

CONSIDERING that the purpose and functions of the Committee and the activities carried out by the Committee and its staff warrant the granting in 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.

RECALLING that the Philippines has acceded on 20 March 1950 to the Convention on the privileges and immunities of the specialized agencies of 21 November 1947.

HAVE AGREED on the following provisions:

Article 1

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines recognizes the international personality and legal capacity in the Philippines of the Committee.

Article 2

1. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Committee, including its property, funds and assets, shall enjoy in the Philippines the same privileges and immunities as those granted to specialized agencies of the United Nations by virtue of the Convention on the privileges and immunities of the specialized agencies of 21 November 1947 and of Philippine laws and regulations, governmental decrees and ministerial instructions pertaining to this matter.

2. The Committee shall be exempt from all taxes and customs duties in respect of the importation of motor vehicles for its official use in the Philippines. The importation of additional motor vehicles by the Committee or officials shall be subject to prior consultation and approval of the Government. None of the Committee's motor vehicles may be sold without the prior approval of the Government. However, the motor vehicles may be exported subject to existing laws and regulations of the Philippine Government.

3. The Committee shall not sell within the country the goods imported duty free, except with the Government's approval and under conditions stipulated by the Government.