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GENERAL

1. This MEMORANDUM expresses the understandings of the Governments of the Republic of the Philippines and Australia concerning the responsibilities and contributions respectively of the two Governments in regard to the provision of an Environmental Adviser to the National Irrigation Administration located in Manila which is intended to assist with the establishment of an Environmental Assessment Unit within the Administration as further described and detailed in Annex I to this Memorandum,

AUTHORITIES

2. The Executing Authorities for this Project will be:

For the Government of the Republic of the Philippines: The-National Irrigation Administration.

For the Australian Government: The Australian Development Assistance Bureau of the Department of Foreign Affairs. The Australian Development

Assistance Bureau may nominate suitably qualified agents to undertake any part of its functions on its behalf.

DURATION

This Memorandum will take effect from the date of its signature and the Project will be deemed to have commenced from 6 September 1983-The Australian contribution to the Project and all undertakings given herein will cease 14 months after the date of signature of this Memorandum or on such other date as may subsequently be arranged between the two Governments.

RESPONSIBILITY

4. Responsibility for development and direction of the Project will be vested in a Project Co-ordinating Committee, whose chairman will be as appointed by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines. Membership of the Project Co-ordinating Committee will also include representatives of the Philippine Government Authority referred to in Clause 2 above, or nominated at the discretion of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, as well as a nominee designated by

the Australian Embassy in Manila. The Co-ordinating Committee will meet not less than twice per year. Functions of the Project Co-ordinating Committee will include:

- (a) co-ordinating policy for the Project,
- (b) reviewing and reporting on progress to the two Governments,
- (c) recommending to the two Governments changes in program, budget and future development.

5. Final responsibility for this Project will rest with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines.

CONTRIBUTIONS

6. The contributions of the Philippine and Australian Governments are detailed in Annexes II to III-A inclusive and are estimated to value P245, 900 and \$A165, 000 respectively. Disbursement of Australian contributions will be subject to the normal annual parliamentary approval of appropriations.

PERSONNEL

7. For the purposes of this Project, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines will, with regard to personnel recruited and employed by the Australian Government or its agent:

- (a) grant exemption from income or other taxes on salaries and allowances,
- (b) grant exemption from import and other duties on personal and household effects,
- (c) grant exemption from import duties on one motor vehicle per employee on condition that it be re-exported or duty paid on its assessed value at time of sale within the Philippines,
- (d) grant to Australian Project personnel all rights and entitlements accorded to the aid personnel of any other donor country, and
- (e) expedite the issue of all documentation required for the entry of and performance of work by, Project personnel.

SUPPLIES

8. (a) The Government of the Republic of the Philippines will exempt from import duties and other taxes (or pay such duties thereon) all goods supplied by Australia for the established purposes of the Project as set out in Annex I.

(b) The Government of the Republic of the Philippines will facilitate movement of Project supplies by providing appropriate customs and wharfage facilities in the port closest to the Project site and will be responsible for expeditious transport of such supplies to site.

(c) Project supplies provided by Australia shall be available for the unrestricted use of the Project and shall not be withdrawn from such use without the consent of the Expert appointed by the Australian Government. The Expert shall exercise administrative control over such