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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RELATING TO THE SCHISTOSOMIASIS RESEARCH PROJECT IN THE PHILIPPINES

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 a Schistosomiasis Research Project located in Manila and in the town of Irosin in Sorsogon Province which is intended to undertake field trials/ studies into schistosomiasis for the eventual production of a vaccine against the disease 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 University of the Philippines, Institute of Public Health for the Ministry of Health.

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

3. This Memorandum will take effect from the date of its signature and the Project will be deemed to have commenced from 1 January 1983. The Australian contribution to the Project and all undertakings given herein will cease 3 years 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. This Co-ordinating Committee will include representatives of the Philippine Government Ministry 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,