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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY CONCERNING
RECIPROCAL WAIVER OF NON-IMMIGRANT VISA
REQUIREMENTS**

Note: The Agreement entered into force, November 4, 1970.

Reference: This Agreement is also published in IX DFA TS No. 1, p. 69.

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY

Rome, 4 September 1970

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to conversations between representatives of this Embassy and that Ministry, concerning the proposal for the mutual waiver of non-immigrant visas for nationals of our two countries, and to confirm the following understandings between them on the subject:

1. The citizens of each of the Contracting Parties, whatever may be their country of residence, may enter and leave the territory of the other Party, by whatever means, without visa, as long as they are in possession of a valid national passport. The facilities envisioned in the present paragraph shall apply only to sojourns of not more than 59 days.
2. For a sojourn of not more than 59 days in one of the two countries, no exit permit or any other formality for leaving or going out of the said country may be required of any citizen of the other country.
3. The prior application for a visa remains obligatory for citizens of each of the Contracting Parties desiring to enter the territory of the other Party for a sojourn of more than 59 days or to exercise a lucrative activity. Citizens of one of the two Contracting Parties who have entered the other's country under the facilities of the foregoing provisions but may wish to stay for a period longer than 59 days shall secure before the expiration of the original 59 day period the appropriate authorization allowed by local laws and regulations, from the competent authorities of the country concerned. Such visa and authorization shall be issued free of charge.
4. The citizens of any of the two Contracting Parties who are residing permanently in the territory of the other may leave said territory temporarily for a maximum period of 59 days without previously requesting for the reentry visa required by local laws and regulations.
5. The provisions in the preceding paragraphs shall not modify the laws

and regulations governing the sojourn of aliens in the territory of each of the Contracting Parties.

6. Each of the Contracting Parties reserves the right to refuse entry or sojourn in its territory to citizens of the other Party whom it considers undesirable, or for reasons of public order, public security or public health.

7. Each of the Contracting Parties agrees to readmit in its territory without other formalities all those in possession of the document provided for in paragraph 1 and delivered by it, whether or not this document is still valid or expired, and even in cases where the nationality of the person concerned is doubtful.

8. Each of the Contracting Parties reserves the right to temporarily suspend the application of the above-mentioned dispositions, except the provision of paragraph 7, for reasons of public order, public security, or public health. This suspension shall be immediately notified to the other Party through diplomatic channels. The lifting of the suspension shall be similarly conveyed.

If the Italian Government agrees to the provisions mentioned above, I propose that the present Note and the confirming reply of Your Excellency will constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, which will enter into force sixty (60) days after the date of the reply of Your Excellency and will have an indefinite duration which can be denounced with a previous notice of ninety (90) days.

This Agreement supersedes the provisions contained in the exchange of Notes between our two Governments on the matter which took place in Manila on July 14, 1959.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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Roma, 4 Settembre 1970

Eccellenza,