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and  
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**Agreement between the Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for cooperation on fight against illegal trade and abuse of narcotics, psychotropic substances and control of chemical precursors. Mexico City, 12 May 1997**

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**Accord entre le Gouvernement des États-Unis du Mexique et le Gouvernement de la République des Philippines relatif à la coopération sur la lutte contre le commerce illicite et l'abus de stupéfiants, de substances psychotropes et de contrôle des précurseurs chimiques. Mexico, 12 mai 1997**

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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR  
COOPERATION ON FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL TRADE AND ABUSE OF  
NARCOTICS, PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND CONTROL OF CHEMICAL  
PRECURSORS**

The Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

**AWARE** that illegal trade and abuse of narcotics and psychotropic substances represent a great threat to both countries' health and welfare and at the same time a serious problem as to political, economic, cultural and other social aspects;

**RECOGNIZING** that cooperation referred to in this Agreement is complementary to the one that both Parties will provide in compliance with its present and future international commitments, pursuant to the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, which was approved on December 20, 1988, in Vienna, Austria, hereinafter referred to as the “Vienna Convention”;

**CONSIDERING** that eliminating illegal traffic of narcotics and psychotropic substances is a common responsibility of all the countries in the world and that it calls for coordination of bilateral and multilateral actions;

**RESOLVED** to assist each other, whenever necessary, in order to efficiently fight illegal traffic of narcotics and psychotropic substances;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the importance of cooperation between the Parties in order to restrain illegal traffic of narcotics and psychotropic substances within the territory, the air space and jurisdictional waters of their respective countries;

Have agreed as follows:

## **ARTICLE I**

### ***Objective***

The object of this Agreement is to promote cooperation between the Parties in an attempt to combat efficiently narcotic trafficking, drug addiction and related offenses such as money laundering, organized crime, diversion of chemical precursors and illegal trade of firearms, as phenomena which go far beyond both Parties' frontiers.

## **ARTICLE II**

### ***Scope of the Agreement***

1. The Parties shall comply with their commitments under this Agreement in accordance with principles of self-determination, non-intervention in internal affairs, judicial equality and respect to the States' territorial integrity.

2. None of the Parties shall exercise in the other Party's territory any competence or functions that exclusively correspond to the latter Party's authorities, pursuant to internal law and national sovereignty.

**ARTICLE III**  
**Cooperation Modes**

Cooperation as object of this Agreement may be performed in the following modes:

- a) exchange of information on any suspicion of illegal traffic of narcotics, psychotropic substances or illegal diversion of chemical precursors and essential chemicals towards any of the Parties;
- b) exchange of information on concealment of strategies used in the illegal transit of narcotics, psychotropic substances or illegal diversion of chemical precursors and essential chemicals, as well as on ways of detecting them;
- c) exchange of information on usual routes of criminal organizations engaged in illegal traffic of narcotics, psychotropic substances or illegal diversion of chemical precursors and essential chemicals, within the territory of any of the Parties;
- d) organize meetings to exchange experiences on research, detection and control of narcotics, psychotropic substances and chemical precursors and essential chemicals;
- e) organize workshops, seminars and congresses to share experiences on drug addiction, detoxification and rehabilitation;
- f) exchange of methodology on identification of sources of illegal inflow of narcotics, psychotropic substances and illegal diversion of chemical precursors and essential chemicals, as well as information aimed at enforcing actions to prevent this kind of illegal activities;
- g) exchange of information on legislative and practical experience on the prohibition of illegal trade and abuse of narcotics and psychotropic substances;

- h) exchange of specialists and practitioners of professional training, in order to improve their specialization in fighting illegal trade of narcotics and psychotropic substances;
- i) organize workshops on the subject;
- j) establish direct communication connections among corresponding authorities of both Parties, by telephone, electronic mail, telex, facsimile or any other potential and secure devices; and
- k) any other action as agreed upon by the Parties.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### ***Confidentiality of Information***

Use of any information, either oral or written, that the Parties may supply in performing activities deriving from this Agreement, shall comply with confidentiality conditions as established by the supplying Party.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### ***Cooperation Mechanism***

In order to fulfill the purposes stated in this Agreement, the Parties agree to establish the Mexico-Philippines Cooperation Committee against Narcotic Trafficking, Drug Addiction and Related Offenses, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".