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AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES PERSONNEL

VISITING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PREAMBLE

For the purpose of complementing the Agreement Between the United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines regarding the treatment of United States Armed Forces visiting the Philippines (hereinafter referred to as "the Visiting Forces Agreement") the two Governments have agreed as follows with respect to Republic of the Philippines personnel in the United States:

Article I

Definitions

In this Agreement:

- (a) "members of the force" means the military personnel belonging to the Republic of the Philippines armed forces who are in the United States in connection with their official duties, including ship and aircraft visits;
- (b) "members of the civilian component" means civilian personnel who are in the United States in connection with their employment by the Republic of the Philippines armed forces, and who are not stateless persons, nor nationals of, nor ordinarily resident in the United States;
- (c) "dependent" means the spouse, child, or other immediate family member of the household of a member of the force or civilian component who is dependent on that member financially, legally or for reasons of health; and
- (d) "Republic of the Philippines personnel" means members of the force, members of the civilian component, and dependents, as defined in the preceding provisions of this Article.

Article II

Applicability

This Agreement shall apply to Republic of the Philippines personnel who are sent to or through the United States for mutually agreed: (1) ship and aircraft visits, (2) military exercises, (3) training, (4) joint Government-approved research and development projects, and (5) other mutually agreed military activities which involve the sending of Republic of the Philippines personnel to or through the United States. It also applies to Republic of the Philippines personnel sent to the United States in support of such activities.

Article III

Respect for Law in the United States

It is the duty of Republic of the Philippines personnel to respect the laws of the United States and to abstain from any activity inconsistent with the spirit of this Agreement, and, in particular, from any political activity.

Article IV

Entry and Departure

1. (a) The Embassy of the United States of America will issue visas, valid for multiple entries, to Republic of the Philippines personnel traveling to the United States on official duty. In the visa application process, Republic of the Philippines personnel shall be exempt from completing the non-immigrant visa application form, but shall be subject to a determination of identity and proper documentation. Apart from exceptional cases, the Embassy will issue the visa the same day it is requested, and without requiring that the applicant apply for it in person.
(b) When emergencies arise, the Embassy will undertake to facilitate entry into the United States of Republic of the Philippines personnel without passport or visa.
(c) The Embassy will also undertake to facilitate the entry without passport or visa of groups of members of the force when such personnel are entering and leaving the United States through a single port of entry, and when such assistance is requested by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines.
2. If United States authorities request the removal from United States territory of a member of the force or civilian component, or a dependent, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines shall be responsible for receiving the person concerned within its own territory or otherwise disposing of said person outside of the United States. If the status of a member of the