

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ROYAL THAI
POLICE AND THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ON
COOPERATION IN COMBATING ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN
NARCOTIC DRUGS, AND CONTROLLED PRECURSOR AND
ESSENTIAL CHEMICALS**

The Royal Thai Police (RTP) and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), hereinafter referred to as "the Participants"

Realising that illicit use and traffic of dangerous drugs and controlled precursors and essential chemicals, constitute a serious threat to the culture, religion, politics, family, security, health, and economy of both countries;

Recognising the need to cooperate in combating, preventing and suppressing illicit cultivation, production, distribution and abuse of dangerous drugs and controlled precursors and essential chemicals;

Mindful of the obligations provided in the Single Convention of Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (hereinafter referred to as the "1988 Convention");

Recalling the Participants' commitments in the Agreement on Cooperation on the Prevention and Fight Against Criminal Activities of December 18, 1998, particularly, the effective prevention and suppression of trafficking in narcotic drugs and controlled precursors and essential chemicals.

Bearing in mind the basic principles of international law, the obligations arising from international treaties and the laws of their respective countries, and on the basis of mutual respect for sovereignty;

Have agreed on the following terms and conditions:

Paragraph 1 Objective and Scope

- a. The objective of this Memorandum is to provide a basic framework for cooperation between the Participants in combating transnational crime related to trafficking in narcotic drugs and controlled precursors and essential chemicals.
- b. This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to create any legally binding obligation.

Paragraph 2 Forms of Cooperative Activity

Cooperative activities will cover the following areas:

- a. Information sharing in combating trafficking in narcotic drugs, and controlled precursors and essential chemicals;
- b. Coordinated operations; and
- c. Capacity building.

The present Memorandum does not affect the existing procedures on extradition or legal assistance in criminal matters.

Paragraph 3 Exchange of Information

The Participants will establish and maintain channels of communication between them to facilitate the rapid and timely exchange of relevant information on various matters, including the following:

- a. Crimes committed related to trafficking of illicit drugs in the territory of the other Participant's State;
- b. Individuals suspected of cross border trafficking of illicit drugs;
- c. Particular facts and events related to the intent to transport or the actual transport of illicit drugs from the State territory of one Participant to the State territory of the other Participant;
- d. Structures, individuals, types of business, systems of management and contacts of criminal groups, involved in trafficking of illicit drugs and their precursors, whose activities are transnational in nature;
- e. Contacts, which have taken place or supposed to take place between particular individuals or criminal groups, linked with trafficking of illicit drugs and their precursors in the Participants' States;
- f. Forms and methods of criminal activities linked to trafficking of illicit drugs and their precursors;
- g. Activities aimed at legalizing or laundering of an income from trafficking of illicit drugs and their precursors;
- h. Forms and methods used to reveal sources of supply of drugs and their precursors coming into illicit trafficking, as well as measures aimed at suppressing such trafficking;
- i. Emerging types of drugs, technologies for their production and methods of illicit trafficking;
- j. Methods used to conceal and camouflage drugs and their precursors while in cultivation, production, transportation and sale, as well as methods for their detection; and
- k. Other issues of mutual interest.

Paragraph 4 Conduct of Coordinated Operations

The Participants will coordinate in the following:

- a. Cooperation in organizing and fulfilling countermeasures to illicit drug use and trafficking; and
- b. Provide mutual assistance in actions carried out to combat trafficking of illicit drugs and precursors thereof, including controlled deliveries and monitoring of the licit circulation of drugs.

Paragraph 5 Cooperative Assistance