

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON POLITICAL
CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EXPATRIATES OF THE
HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN**

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, herein referred to as the "Participants".

SEEKING to expand and enhance the bilateral relations based on the principles of respect of sovereignty of States, equality of rights and non-interference in internal affairs;

DESIRING to activate different fields of cooperation between the two countries through mutual coordination and consultation on bilateral and international affairs of common interest.

Have reached the following understanding:

**Paragraph 1
General Objective**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish a Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (the "Commission" which will:

1. Facilitate consultations in all aspects of the bilateral relations of the Participants
2. Exchange of views on bilateral and international issues on mutual interest, including political, economic and technical cooperation, among others; and
3. Evaluate the development of their cooperation as well as the need to expand it to other areas.

**Paragraph 2
Composition**

The Participants will ensure that the Commission is at the level of senior officials, unless they jointly decide otherwise.

**Paragraph 3
Frequency and Venue of Meetings**

1. The Commission will meet biannually, alternately in the Republic of the Philippines and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
2. The Participants may jointly decide to hold an extraordinary session, when necessary. Sessions between Participants may take place in a third country on the sidelines of a meeting or international conference.
3. The Participants will determine the date and the agenda of the meetings via diplomatic channels.

**Paragraph 4
Expenditures**