MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA ON COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE AND RELATED FIELDS

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines represented herein by the Department of Agriculture and the Government of the Republic of India, represented herein by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants";

DESIRING to enhance the existing friendly relations between the two countries through development of cooperation in agriculture and related fields;

RECOGNIZING the advantage to be derived by their respective peoples from the implementation of such cooperation;

Have reached the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH 1: OBJECTIVE

The Contracting Participants will promote technical cooperation in agriculture through collaborative activities and exchanges.

PARAGRAPH 2: FIELDS OF COOPERATION

Joint activities will be determined by the Contracting Participants and will be implemented in conformity with the laws and policies of both countries.

Such joint activities may include the area of rice production and processing, multiple cropping system, dryland farming systems, bio-organic farming, soil and water conservation and management, soil fertility, agricultural machinery, horticulture, agro-forestry, sericulture, dairy, livestock improvement (Development of buffalo, sheep and goats, tropicalized vaccine production, animal nutrition and utilization of animal by-products), sugarcane technology, meat inspection system, post-harvest handling and processing of agricultural commodities and fishery products, integrated pest management, cotton growing technology and hybrid cotton breeding, research and development of plantation crops, fruit crops and leguminous crops, plant quarantine, research and development on bio-botanical pesticides, biotechnology, agricultural cooperatives and other fields as may be mutually jointly decided upon by both the Contracting Participants.

PARAGRAPH 3: MODE OF COOPERATION

Cooperation will be effected by means of, but not limited to, the exchange of materials and information/ technology, the exchange of scientists, experts and trainees, the organization of symposia and conferences, the joint publication of studies and papers, conduct of agricultural trade fairs and exhibitions, joint ventures, and other means as may be mutually agreed upon.

PARAGRAPH 4: JOINT WORKING GROUP

A Joint Working Group, composed of equal number of representatives, will be formed to provide guidance, review the progress of activities and to facilitate cooperation. The Joint