

JOINT PLAN OF ACTION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Slovak Republic, hereinafter referred to as the Parties, committed to further strengthen bilateral relations and develop a deeper cooperation partnership, have agreed to:

I – POLITICAL COOPERATION

Reaffirm that cooperation will be on the basis of respect for the principles of sovereign equality and territorial integrity, taking into account common interests in line with obligations of the Parties under the United Nations Charter and international treaties to which they are Parties, and mindful of the guarantees under their respective legal systems;

Promote the regular exchange of visits, including between the heads of state/government, Cabinet members and relevant officials, and the interaction of such officials during international and regional conferences;

Encourage increased linkages between their respective legislatures, including through the establishment of legislative friendship groups;

Hold a High-Level Meeting, once every two years or on mutually-agreed dates, to review the conduct of bilateral relations, chart a course of action, exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual concern and oversee the implementation of the Joint Plan Of Action (JPA);

Develop and promote contacts and mutually beneficial collaboration between local authorities and promote appropriate twinning programs whenever possible;

II – ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Strengthen bilateral trade and investments including in business process outsourcing, information and communications technology, renewable energy, tourism and public-private partnerships (PPP);

Develop bilateral cooperation projects and sharing of best practices;

Support the development of mutually beneficial free trade arrangements to promote employment and foster inclusive growth;

Promote tourism cooperation through, inter alia, participation in major travel industry events in the Philippines and the Slovak Republic, facilitating networking among travel industry officials and maintaining a dialogue between relevant tourism officials: