JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC **RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND** THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA

The Republic of the Philippines and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Desirous to promote mutual understanding and strengthen the friendship and cooperation between the two countries, Guided by the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter and international law, particularly the respect and promotion of international peace and security, equality among States, respect due for national sovereignty and territorial integrity, independence and international treaties, and non-interference in the internal affairs of States.

Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at the Ministerial level, in accordance with the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961, as of the date of the signing of this Joint Communique.

In witness thereof, the undersigned representatives, duly authorized by their respective authorities, have signed this Joint Communique in two originals, in Arabic and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Republic of the Philippines

Done in New York on 30 September 2013 For the Islamic Republic of Mauritania

(Sgd.) H.E.Mr. Albeit F. Del Rosario Secretary of Foreign Affairs Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines

(Sgd.)H.E. Mr. Ahmed Teguedi

and Cooperation of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania

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