

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS MECHANISM
BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

PREAMBLE

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants",

With a view to further enhancing the friendly relations and deepening the cooperation already existing between the Republic of the Philippines and Slovak Republic and to give new dimensions to this cooperation,

Have reached the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH I

Frequency and Venue of Consultations

The Participants will hold political consultations every two (2) years or at any time mutually convenient to both Participants to review their bilateral relations and to exchange views on regional and international issues of common interest.

1. The consultations will be carried out alternately in Manila and Bratislava. The consultations may also take place in a third country on the occasion of an international conference or meeting where both Participants are present. During such an international conference or meeting, the Participants will also seek the possibilities of cooperation on issues of common interest for the two countries.
2. The agenda, date and venue of the consultations as well as the composition of the delegations will be agreed upon by the Participants through diplomatic channels.
3. The Participants will bear their respective expenses for participation in the meetings, including round trip transportation to the meeting place and accommodations, and the host Participant will provide the necessary office facilities for holding the consultation

PARAGRAPH II

Composition of Delegations

The Delegations, conducting political consultations, will be presided over by deputy ministers or other high-ranking officials of both the Department of Foreign Affairs of