

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
BILATERAL CONSULTATION MECHANISM BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
TRADE OF THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND**

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Kingdom of Swaziland, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

DESIROUS to promote mutual understanding and cooperation between both countries;

REFLECTING the desire of both countries to develop and further enhance the friendly relations between both countries;

CONSIDERING the consultation and' an exchange of ideas on bilateral relations and international matters of mutual interest would be of mutual benefit;

REAFFIRMING their conviction that the further development of friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries will contribute to international peace and security by means of creating mutual confidence, understanding and cooperation in international relations;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall conduct their consultations with the aim of reviewing all aspects of their bilateral relationship and to exchange views on bilateral and international affairs of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 2

The Consultations shall include, inter alia, a review of the relationship in the political, economic, commercial, investment, tourism, financial, industrial, scientific, cultural, educational, social, sport, technical and technological fields.

ARTICLE 3

The Parties agree that the consultations should be conducted in the spirit of flexibility and consultations and that the modalities for the determination of dates, venue, agenda, and level of representation shall be mutually agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 4

The Parties may set up working groups or experts meetings in order to discuss specific areas of common interest.

ARTICLE 5