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**PROTOCOL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BILATERAL
CONSULTATION MECHANISM BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, INTERNATIONAL
TRADE, AND WORSHIP OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC**

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Relations, International Trade, and Worship of the Argentine Republic, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

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

CONSIDERING that periodic consultations 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 of cooperation between the two countries will contribute to the achievement of peace and mutual understanding in international relations;

Have agreed as follows

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall conduct their periodic 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 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 cooperation and that the modalities for consultations, including the determinations of dates, venue, agenda, and level of representation, shall be determined by mutual agreement 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

The present Protocol shall enter into force on the date of signing and shall remain in force unless one of the Parties communicates in writing its intention to terminate it, by giving six months prior notice.