

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC ON DEFENSE
COOPERATION**

The Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties:

Confirming their commitment to the Charter of the United Nations;

Desiring to enhance cooperation between their Department/Ministry of Defence;

Convinced that bilateral cooperation will foster greater understanding of military concerns and enhance defense capabilities.

have agreed on the following:

**ARTICLE 1
SCOPE OF COOPERATION**

The Contracting Parties will operate in concert and in accordance with their respective laws and international commitments in order to encourage, facilitate and develop cooperation in the field of defense and military, on a mutual basis.

**ARTICLE 2
MANAGEMENT OF COOPERATION**

The Ministry of Defence of the Italian Republic and the Department of National Defense of the Republic of the Philippines will appoint a joint Defense Cooperation Committee to organize the conduct of concrete cooperation activities in the field of defense and military.

Possible consultations of the Contracting Parties' representatives will be conducted alternatively in Rome and Manila in order to draw up and agree, if advisable and subject to bilateral approval, possible specific arrangements to supplement and complete this MOU, as well as possible cooperation programmes between the Armed Forces of the Italian Republic and the Armed Forces of the Republic of the Philippines.

Activities, modalities, times and places will be specified in the above-mentioned programmes.

**ARTICLE 3
AREAS OF COOPERATION**

Cooperation between the Contracting Parties will take place, among others, in the following sectors:

Defense security and policy;

Defense industry and procurement policy which is subordinated by the Ministries of Defense;

Defense logistics;

Peacekeeping and humanitarian operations;

Compliance with international treaties on defense, security and arms control;

Armed forces organization, structure and equipment of military units, personnel management;

Formation/training;

Military police issues

ARTICLE 4 GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Cooperation between the Contracting Parties will develop as follows:

Meetings of the Ministers of Defense, Commanders in Chief, National Armaments Directors or corresponding Authorities, their deputies and other officials authorized by the Contracting Parties;

Exchange of experiences between the experts of the two Contracting Parties;

Organization and implementation of cross training activities;

Participation of observers in military exercise with consent of both parties;

Contacts between similar military institutions;

Discussions, consultations, meetings and participation in symposiums, conferences and courses;

Visits to military ships, aircraft and other structures;

Exchange of information and educational publications;

Exchange of information and experiences on logistics; and

Exchange of information and experiences on environmental issues.

ARTICLE 5 TRANSFER OF MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY