

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE  
PHILIPPINES AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE CZECH  
REPUBLIC ON DEFENSE COOPERATION**

The Department of National Defense of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties";

Confirming their commitment to the Charter of the United Nations;

Desiring to enhance bilateral defense cooperation;

Convinced that bilateral cooperation will help in the understanding of their respective military issues and consolidate their respective defense capabilities;

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1  
SCOPE OF COOPERATION**

The Parties will cooperate in accordance with their respective laws and international commitments in order to develop cooperation in defense and military fields.

**ARTICLE 2  
MANAGEMENT OF COOPERATION**

1. The Department of National Defense of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Defense of the Czech Republic will appoint a Joint Defense Committee to organize the conduct of concrete cooperation activities in the field of defense and military.

2. Possible consultations of the Parties' representatives will be conducted alternately in Prague and Manila in order to draw up and agree, if advisable and subject to bilateral approval, special agreements to supplement and complete this MOU as well as possible cooperation programmes between the Parties. Activities, modalities, times and places will be specified in the above mentioned programmes.

**ARTICLE 3  
AREAS OF COOPERATION**

Cooperation between the Parties will take place in the following areas:

Defense and security policy;

Defense industry and procurement policy which is subordinated to the Parties;

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;

Military training education;

Other activities as may be agreed upon by the Parties.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **FORMS OF COOPERATION**

Cooperation between the Parties will develop as follows:

Meetings of the Ministers of Defense, Chiefs of General Staff, their deputies and other officials authorized by the Parties;

Exchange of experience between experts of the Parties;

Organization and implementation of cross training activities and exercises;

Participation of observers in military exercises; Contacts between similar military institutions;

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

Visit to military ships and aircraft;

Exchange of information and educational publications.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

#### **FUNDING OF COOPERATION**

1. The Parties will fund the cooperation activities under this MOU in accordance with this Article.

2. The Sending Party will pay the travel expenses, salary, accident insurance and other allowances due its personnel under the laws and regulations of their respective States.

3. The Receiving Party will pay for local transportation from the established point of entry into own territory of its State, room and board expenses, as well as planned activities in connection with official visits within the implementation of this MOU. Official visits under this Section are defined as meetings of the Joint Defense Committee.

4. Expenses related to medical assistance will be covered by the Parties in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of their States. The Receiving Party will provide urgent medical treatment. The Sending Party will pay health insurance in addition to expenses for repatriation of its own sick personnel.

5. Expenses and funding procedures for official visits under this MOU of delegations consisting of more than five (5) members will be established on a case-by-case basis by mutual agreement between the Parties.