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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING COOPERATION IN
AGRICULTURE AND RELATED FIELDS AND PROMOTION OF
AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE**

The Ministry of Agriculture of Chile and the Department of Agriculture of the Philippines, herein denominated "The Parties";

Wishing the encouragement of the friendly relationships already existing between both countries through the development of the cooperation in agriculture and related fields and in the promotion of agricultural products from both countries;

Hereby agree to pursue cooperative programs and exchanges in the field of agricultural science and technology and promotion of agricultural products through this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum"), to be implemented as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall promote technical, economic and commercial cooperation, according to laws and relevant regulations of their respective countries.

ARTICLE 2

The Parties shall undertake joint activities to accomplish the following:

1. To promote development of agricultural science and technological cooperation, programs and exchanges according to the laws and agricultural policies of both countries. Cooperation shall be effected in general areas of livestock, fruits, vegetable and cut-flower production, food processing, agricultural cooperatives, storage and distribution, and other additional fields as agreed upon by the Parties.
2. To promote international agricultural trade. The Parties shall create favorable conditions for imports and exports consistent with international quarantine rules, without affecting in any way the Parties' commitments according to bilateral and multilateral agreements.

ARTICLE 3

Cooperation shall be effected by means of, but not limited to, the exchange of materials and information; the exchange of scientists, experts and trainees; the joint publication of studies and papers; the provision of scholarships programs; the organization of training programs, symposia and conferences; the conduct of activities to facilitate the strategic market, including agricultural trade fairs and special exhibitions; joint ventures, and other means which may be agreed upon.

A Joint Working Group shall be constituted to determine the joint activities and to provide guidance, to review the progress of activities and facilitate the cooperation.