

**UNDERTAKING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF SINGAPORE CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF  
CERTIFICATES UNDER REGULATION I/10 OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING,  
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW),  
1978, AS AMENDED**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Singapore hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties;

DESIRING to promote good relations between them on the basis of equal partnership and mutual interests;

ACTING in accordance with the procedures referred to in Regulation I/10 of the Annex to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978, as amended in 1995 (hereinafter referred to as "STCW95");

HAVING REGARD to MSC Circular 950 on the "Guidance on Arrangements Between Parties to allow for Recognition of Certificates under STCW Regulation I/10" approved by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization during its seventy-second session in May 2000;

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

1. The Maritime Training Council (MTC), hereinafter referred to as "the Certificate Issuing Party," is the competent authority for the Republic of the Philippines. The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, hereinafter referred to as the "Administration", is the national body representative of Singapore in respect of sea transport marine and port matters.

2. The agencies acting for the Certificate Issuing Party responsible for the implementation of this Undertaking are the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) for marine officers and Technical Education Skill development Authority (TESDA) for ratings.

**ARTICLE 2**

1. This Undertaking is made without prejudice to the national laws of either Party.

2. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines is the Party whose national certificates are to be recognized, and the Administration is the Party that will provide its Certificates of Endorsement (recognition) as evidence of such recognition.

3. An essential pre-condition to the issue of Certificates of Endorsement by the Administration is compliance by the Certificate Issuing Party of the requirements of Regulation 1/7 of STCW95 and Section A-I/7 of the STCW Code.

### **ARTICLE 3**

1. In accordance with Regulation 1/10.1.1 of STCW95, the Certificate Issuing Party will allow the Administration to undertake periodic inspection of its approved facilities and procedures or to review its approved policies, and that it will make materials and training facilities available for inspection and review when requested.

2. The Administration shall follow the following procedures prior to a visit to facilities approved by the Certificate Issuing Party for the purposes referred to in Article 3.1:

a. a request to visit facilities shall be forwarded in writing (by electronic means or otherwise) by the Administration to the agency acting for the Certificate Issuing Party at least thirty (30) days before the intended visit;

b. the request shall name the specific facility or facilities which the Administration intends to visit;

c. the request shall contain the names of the officials taking part in the visit and their designations in the Administration;

d. the request shall state the purpose of the visit, which shall be limited to one or more of the following:

i. standards of competence;

ii. the issue, endorsement, revalidation and revocation of certificates;

iii. record-keeping;

iv. standards of medical fitness; and

v. communication and response process to requests for verifications.

3. The Certificate Issuing Party shall make available to the Administration the results of the quality standards evaluations conducted in accordance with Regulation 1/8 of STCW95.

### **ARTICLE 4**

1. Certificates governed by this Undertaking are those issued and endorsed by the Certificate Issuing Party in compliance with Regulation I/2 of STCW95.

2. Specimen certificates with endorsements governed by this Undertaking are attached to this document for identification.

3. The Certificate Issuing Party acknowledges that endorsement issued by it in recognition of a certificate issued by another Party, will not be accorded further recognition by the Administration under the provisions of Regulation I/10.6 of STCW95.

4. Seafarers at the management level are required by the Administration to acquire an appropriate knowledge of the maritime legislation of the Administration relevant to the functions they are permitted to perform.

### **ARTICLE 5**