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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE
REPUBLIC ON THE WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR
HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Argentine Republic hereinafter referred to as "the Parties":

Desirous of entering into an agreement for the further enhancement of their bilateral relations,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Citizens of either state who are holders of valid diplomatic and official passports are exempted from the obligation to obtain visas for entry and stay in the territory of the other state, if such a stay does not exceed sixty (60) days or when transiting through that territory, on their way to a third state.

ARTICLE II

Holders of diplomatic and official passports of both states appointed to work in diplomatic missions and consular offices in the receiving state may enter and stay there without visa for a period of sixty (60) days, during which time they should obtain the necessary documentation and authorization from the competent authorities of the receiving state.

ARTICLE III

. The provisions of this Agreement shall also apply to members of the family of the persons mentioned in Articles I and II of this Agreement provided that such members of the family are also holders of diplomatic or official passports.

ARTICLE IV

Both Parties shall proceed to an exchange, through diplomatic channels, of their respective valid passport specimens within thirty (30) days after the signing of this Agreement. The Parties shall inform each other about the introduction of new types and classification of passports, as well as any change or modification to those currently in use and shall furnish relevant specimens within thirty (30) days prior to their use.

ARTICLE V

Notwithstanding the exemption from obtaining entry visas under this Agreement, it is the duty of persons benefitting therefrom to comply with the laws and regulations, of the receiving state regarding entry to, stay in and exit from the receiving state.

ARTICLE VI