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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE FEDERAL MINISTRY
OF SCIENCE AND TRANSPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA ON
INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION IN THE HEALTH SECTOR**

The Department of Health of the Republic of the Philippines and the Federal Ministry of Science and Transport of the Republic of Austria, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties,

-DESIRING to promote and to strengthen long-term cooperation for the mutual benefit of the Philippines and Austria by drawing on the opportunities offered in the health sector,

-CONSIDERING the positive results of the official negotiations that have already been carried out between the competent Philippine and Austrian authorities and organizations,

-RECOGNIZING the Project "WASTE MANAGEMENT AND UPGRADING OF THE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN SELECTED HOSPITALS" constitutes a pilot and reference project for the cooperation of the Philippines and Austria in the health sector,

-CONFIRMING the privileged character of industrial cooperation in the health sector within the context of Philippine-Austrian cooperation,

have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1
STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

1.) The Philippine-Austrian cooperation in the health sector is part of the program for the upgrading and expansion of health related facilities in the Philippines. It includes the following:

1. The modernization and extension of the capacity of the existing facilities of the Philippine health sector;
2. The regional and supra-regional extension of health sector facilities in the Philippines; and
3. The continued qualitative improvement of Philippine health sector facilities.

2.) The projects referring to this cooperation shall be unanimously agreed upon by the Contracting Parties on an annual basis and shall be attached as an Annex to this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 2
SCOPE OF COOPERATION**

The areas of cooperation include the following;