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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE
FIELD OF TOURISM**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties",

DESIRING to strengthen the friendly relations and mutual understanding existing between their respective countries,

RECOGNIZING the common interest of both countries to establish cooperation in the field of tourism,

RECOGNIZING further the importance of tourism in the enhancement of knowledge and understanding between the people of the two countries and as an essential element for economic development of both countries,

AND PURSUANT to the Agreement on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam signed on 9th January 1978,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties shall, subject to the laws and regulations of the respective countries, promote and develop cooperation in the field of tourism on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit for both countries.

ARTICLE 2

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and promote individual or group travel by their respective citizens and citizens of third country to the Philippines and Vietnam.

ARTICLE 3

The Contracting parties shall authorize their following competent agencies to implement this Agreement:

- The Philippine Party : Department of Tourism
- The Vietnamese Party : Vietnam National Administration of Tourism

ARTICLE 4

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the exchange of experience in all matters relating to the organization, management and business operation of tourism in their respective countries and the exchange of publication, study materials and other information relating to tourism.

ARTICLE 5