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**TREATY ON ACADEMIC DEGREES AND THE EXERCISE OF PROFESSIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE SPANISH STATE**

Note: The Treaty was concurred in by the Senate, S.R. No. 95, May 19, 1949. The Philippine Instrument of ratification was signed by the President, January 5, 1951. The Treaty entered into force, January 5, 1951 upon the exchange of ratification between the parties. It was proclaimed by the President, Proc. No. 302, S. 1952.

Reference: This Treaty is also published in I DFA TS No. 4, p. 13. The presidential proclamation is published in 48 O.G. p. 6 (Jan. 1952).

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Spanish State, wishing to draw more closely the ties of friendship which bind the two countries, have resolved to conclude a Treaty on the Mutual Recognition of the Validity of Academic Degrees, the Mutual Accreditation of Courses of Study in their Curricula and the Reciprocal Treatment in the exercise of Professions, between the Philippines and Spain, and, for this purpose, have agreed upon the following provisions:

**ARTICLE I**

The nationals of both countries who shall have obtained degrees or diplomas to practice the liberal professions in either of the Contracting States, issued by competent national authorities, shall be deemed competent to exercise said professions in the territory of the Other, subject to the laws and regulations of the latter. When the degree or diploma of Bachelor, issued by competent national authorities allows its holder without requiring further evidence of proficiency to pursue normally higher course of study, he shall also be deemed qualified to continue his studies in the territory of either Party in conformity with the applicable laws and regulations of the State which recognizes the validity of the title or diploma in question, and with the rules and regulations of the particular educational institution in which he intends to pursue his studies.

**ARTICLE II**

In order that the degree or diploma referred to in the preceding article shall produce the effects mentioned therein, it is hereby agreed:

1st. That it be issued or confirmed and duly legalized by the competent authorities in conformity with the applicable laws and regulations of the other Party where it is to be recognized.

2nd. That the one presenting it must prove by means of a certificate issued by the nearest Legation or Consulate of his own country that he is the same person to whom the academic degree or diploma has been issued.

**ARTICLE III**