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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING METEOROLOGICAL
FACILITIES AND TRAINING PROGRAMME**

Note: The Agreement entered into force, May 12, 1947.

Reference: This Agreement is also published in I DFA TS No. 1, p. 114
and 16 UNTS, p. 123.

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States of America has enacted Public Law 370-79th Congress, approved April 30, 1946, known as the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946, whereof Section 308, entitled "Weather Information", provides:

"(a) The Chief of the Weather Bureau of the Department of Commerce is authorized to establish meteorological facilities in the Philippines as may be required to provide weather information, warnings, and forecasts for general agricultural and commercial activities, including meteorological service for the air routes on which air-navigation facilities are operated by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, and to maintain such meteorological offices until the Philippine Weather Bureau is reestablished and in position to assume responsibility for the service.

"(b) The Chief of the Weather Bureau of the Department of Commerce is authorized, under such regulations as he may adopt, to train not to exceed fifty Filipinos in the first year and not to exceed twenty-five Filipinos in each succeeding year prior to July 1, 1950, the trainees to be designated by the President of the Philippines subject to the provisions of Section 311 (c), and the training to include meteorological observations, analyses, forecasting, briefing of pilots, and such other meteorological duties as are deemed necessary in maintenance of general weather service, including weather information required for air navigation and the safe operation of air traffic. The training of these employees shall be in addition to and not in lieu of Weather Bureau employees to be trained under current Weather Bureau appropriation1;" and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines is desirous of availing itself of the benefits, facilities and services which are authorized by the above-quoted Section 308 of the said Public Law 370-79th Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United States of America have decided to conclude an agreement for the foregoing purposes and have agreed mutually as follows:

ARTICLE I

The responsible agent of the Government of the United States of America for effectuating the provisions of this Agreement shall be the Chief of the United States Weather Bureau of the Department of Commerce,, hereinafter referred to as the Chief. The Chief may delegate to a duly authorized representative all or part of his authority for effectuating the

provisions of this Agreement. The duties, functions, and powers exercised in the Republic of the Philippines under the terms of this Agreement by the Chief, or his duly authorized representative, shall be under the general supervision of the United States Ambassador accredited to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, or, in the absence of the Ambassador, of the Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the United States of America. The Chief, or his duly authorized representative, may negotiate and conclude working agreements and contracts necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Agreement.

The responsible agent of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for effectuating the provisions of this Agreement shall be the Director of the Weather Bureau of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, hereinafter referred to as the Director. The Director may delegate to an officer or employee of the Weather Bureau of the Philippines Department of Agriculture and Commerce all or part of his authority for effectuating the provisions of this Agreement. The Director, or his duly authorized representative, shall be the representative of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines in the negotiation and conclusion of all working agreements and contracts necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Agreement.

The Chief and the Director shall cooperate in every way possible to carry out the spirit and purpose of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

The Chief, or his authorized representative, shall, with the consent of and in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, establish, maintain, and operate such meteorological facilities in the Republic of the Philippines as may be required to provide weather information, warnings, and forecasts for general agricultural and commercial activities, including meteorological service for the air routes on which air-navigation facilities are operated, all such meteorological facilities to be operated insofar as possible in conformance with recognized international standards for meteorological observations and procedures.

The Chief shall assign to the Republic of the Philippines for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Agreement a representative and assistants, including instructors and administrative personnel, the salaries and expenses of all such personnel to be paid directly by the United States Weather Bureau of the Department of Commerce.

The Chief, or his duly authorized representative, shall analyze the plans submitted by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines within the terms of this Agreement involving the expenditure of funds by the Government of the United States of America and after consultation with the Director shall approve, disapprove, or modify such plans. The Chief, or his authorized representative, upon his approval of operational plans and programs shall enter into contracts with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines when necessary for the carrying out of such programs.