

December 16, 1969

**TO THE CONVENTION ON SPECIAL MISSIONS OPTIONAL
PROTOCOL/CONCERNING THE COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF
DISPUTES**

Note: The Philippines signed the Convention, December 16, 1969, and deposited its instrument of ratification with the Secretary-General of the UN, November 26, 1976.

Reference: This Protocol is also published in VIII DFA TS No. 2, p. 245.

THE STATES PARTIES to the present Protocol and to the Convention on Special Missions, hereinafter referred to as "the Convention," adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 1969,

EXPRESSING their wish to resort, in all matters concerning them in respect to any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of the Convention, to the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, unless some other form of settlement has been agreed upon by the parties within a reasonable period of time,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I

Disputes arising out of the interpretation or application of the Convention shall lie within the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice and may accordingly be brought before the Court by a written application made by any party to the dispute being a Party to the present Protocol.

ARTICLE II

The Parties may agree, within a period of two months after one Party has notified its opinion to the other that a dispute exists, to resort not to the International Court of Justice but to an arbitral tribunal. After the expiry of the said period, either Party may bring the dispute before the Court by a written application.

ARTICLE III

1. Within the same period of two months, the Parties may agree to adopt a conciliation procedure before resorting to the International Court of Justice.

2. The conciliation commission shall make its recommendations within five months after its appointment. If its recommendations are not accepted by the Parties to the dispute within two months after they have been delivered, either Party may bring the dispute before the Court by a written application.

ARTICLE IV

The present Protocol shall be open for signature by all States which may become Parties to the Convention, until 31 December 1970 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.