

TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Turkey hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties;

Desiring to develop and promote trade and economic relations between the two countries and inspired by their common interest-to strengthen the ties of friendship between them,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Contracting Parties, subject to their respective laws, rules and regulations in force, shall take all appropriate measures to develop, promote and facilitate trade between the two countries.

ARTICLE II

The Contracting Parties shall grant each other most-favoured-nation treatment in all matters relating to:

- a. Custom duties and charges of any kind including the method of levying such duties and charges imposed on or in connection with importation or exportation, or imposed on the transfer of payments for imports and exports;
- b. Rules and formalities connected with customs clearances;
- c. All internal taxes or other internal charges of any kind imposed on or in connection with the imports and exports; and
- d. The issuance of import and export licences.

ARTICLE III

The provisions of Article 12 shall not apply to;

- a. Special preferences or other advantages accorded by either Party resulting from Its association in a regional or sub-regional arrangement, customs union or a free trade area or measures "leading to the formation of a customs union or a free trade area;
- b. Tariff preferences or other advantages which either Party grants or may grant to facilitate frontier/border traffic; and
- c. Special tariff preferences or other advantages which either Party may grant to developing countries under any trade expansion or economic cooperation scheme of which the other party is not a member.

ARTICLE IV