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**ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL
DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
MINISTER OF DEFENSE OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC RELATED TO
DEFENSE COOPERATION**

The Secretary of National Defense of the Republic of the Philippines, on the one hand

and

The Minister of Defense of the French Republic on the other hand,

hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

considering the links of friendship which exist between the Philippines and France,

desiring to enhance the existing friendly bilateral relations between defense agencies and armed forces,

willing to promote cooperation in this field within the framework of this arrangement in conformity with international law, the United Nations charter and the national laws and regulations in force in each State,

have agreed as follows :

ARTICLE 1

The purpose of this arrangement is to provide a framework in order to develop the bilateral relations between both defense agencies and armed forces, and to promote bilateral cooperation in the field of defense equipment, as defined in article 2.

ARTICLE 2

Cooperation between both defense agencies and armed forces, covered by this arrangement, may include the following forms :

- joint training and/or military exercises;
- visits of defense and armed forces authorities ;
- exchange of trainees and instructors ;
- exchange of information and training-related matters;
- exchange of information on maintenance-related matters.

Cooperation in the field of defense equipment, covered by this arrangement, may include the following forms :

- exchange of information on future requirements of both Parties;
- exchange of information on development and improvement projects scheduled or implemented by one Party and of possible interest to the

other Party;

- common research and development, production or modernization of defense systems and equipment;
- mutual examination of export possibilities of defense systems and equipment produced in the framework of common research and development, production and/or modernization of programmes;
- transfer of technology;
- exchange of information on defense industry-related matters.

ARTICLE 3

If required, the Parties shall conclude particular implementing arrangements pertaining to specific aspects of cooperation.

ARTICLE 4

A Joint Defense Cooperation Committee hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Committee" shall be formed for the purpose of initiating, coordinating and monitoring the different activities carried out in the framework of this arrangement. The Joint Committee shall discuss the various issues of the cooperation.

The Joint Committee will be composed of at least five official representatives from each Party. The Joint Committee will be co-chaired by the "Delegue aux Relations Internationales" for the Ministry of Defense of the French Republic and a designated Undersecretary of National Defense for the Department of National Defense of the Republic of the Philippines, or such other persons nominated by these authorities.

The Joint Committee may establish sub-committees to effectively address specific projects of mutual interest.

The Joint Committee will meet in principle, once a year, alternately in the two countries. The date, site and agenda will be agreed upon between the co-chairmen.

The tasks of the Joint Committee will, under article 2, be :

- to identify potential areas of cooperation in defense or defense equipment matters;
- to discuss items of common interest;
- to initiate and organize the cooperative activities;
- to coordinate, control and review the different initiated activities; and,
- to recommend implementing arrangements, if and when required.

ARTICLE 5

The Parties will inform their respective defense industries about the basic principles of this arrangement.