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Protocole (avec annexes, mémorandum et déclaration commune) concernant les relations commerciales. Signé à Manille, le 18 octobre 1956

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No. 7860. PROTOCOL¹ ON TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. SIGNED AT MANILA, ON 18 OCTOBER 1956

Moved by the desire to promote and enlarge commerce and trade between the two contracting parties, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of China set forth the following :

1. a) Both contracting parties agree on the desirability of taking appropriate measures to encourage more direct trade between them.

b) To this end the work of commercial representatives of each country should be facilitated in the territory of the other, subject to the laws and regulations of that country.

2. a) Both contracting parties agree on the desirability of following, in the trade between them, the principle of non-discrimination in that, with regard to import procedure and regulations, the same treatment shall be given to those products which are included in any list agreed upon, as that given to similar products when imported under similar terms and conditions from third parties by either.

b) Furthermore, it is deemed desirable, with regard to shipping in international trade, for both countries to accord each other all customary facilities and to refrain from any measure which could have a discriminatory effect vis-à-vis third parties.

c) The principle of non-discrimination shall not apply to treatment, benefits or advantages that are now or may hereafter be granted by the Republic of the Philippines to the United States of America or to its citizens, corporations or associations.

3. a) The lists attached to this Protocol were exchanged by both contracting parties. Annex A, the list of Philippine exports to the Republic of China, and Annex B, the list of Chinese exports to the Republic of the Philippines, as well as the Memorandum attached hereto, are considered as part and parcel of this Protocol.

¹ Came into force on 18 October 1956, upon signature, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Protocol.

b) These lists contain those goods which, in the light of the best information available at the present time, may be expected to flow between both countries, but do not constitute a commitment to import the goods enumerated provided the agreed volume of trade is maintained. The total amount of two million U.S. dollars stated in each list is a preliminary estimate of the trade volume each way per year.

4. This Protocol shall come into effect on the date of signing by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present Protocol.

DONE at Manila in duplicate in English on the eighteenth day of October, 1956.

For the Republic of the Philippines :
Carlos P. GARCIA

For the Republic of China :
CHEN Chih-Mai

ANNEX A

LIST OF PHILIPPINE EXPORTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (AMOUNTS ARE ON A C.I.F. TAIWAN BASIS)

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| 1. Iron Ore | 9. Abaca or Manila hemp |
| 2. Manganese | 10. Dried seaweed |
| 3. Timber, logs and sleepers | 11. Leaf tobacco |
| | 12. Pyrite ore |
| 4. Manila ropes | 13. Gum and resins |
| 5. Shell manufacturers | 14. Miscellaneous commodities and in- |
| 6. Kapok or its seeds | visibles (including freight and other |
| 7. Ramie fibers | services) |
| 8. Copra and Coconut oil | |

TOTAL US\$2,000,000

ANNEX B

LIST OF CHINESE EXPORT TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
(AMOUNTS ARE ON A C.I.F. PHILIPPINE BASIS)

1. Rice	14. Electric fans
2. Tea	15. Vacuum flasks
3. Camphor	16. Machinery equipment and tools
4. Coke	17. Industrial salt
5. Steel sheets, black	18. Asphalt
6. Aluminum ingots, sheets and products	19. Garlic
	20. Menthol
7. Caustic soda	21. Firebricks
8. Hydrochloric acid	22. Onions
9. Bleaching powder	23. Textiles
10. DDT	24. Miscellaneous commodities and in-
11. Paper and pulp	visibles (including freight and other
12. Fruits	services)
13. Citronella oil	
TOTAL	US\$2,000,000

MEMORANDUM

In the conversation between the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Ambassador at the Department of Foreign Affairs on October 18, 1956, concerning the Protocol of Trade Relations between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of China, the Ambassador stated that the principle of non-discrimination in the Protocol is construed to apply to articles of trade between the two countries; that the principle does not apply to non-trade articles, such as articles included in military and economic aid programs extended to China by other countries; and that such preferential treatment as may be accorded by the Chinese Government to the importation of such non-trade articles does not apply to Philippine goods imported to China.

The Secretary of Foreign Affairs took note of the Ambassador's statement and expressed his agreement to the construction of the principle of non-discrimination as stated by the Ambassador.

Both the Secretary and the Ambassador expressed the hope that a general trade agreement would be concluded between the two countries in the future.

Manila, October 18, 1956

JOINT STATEMENT

The signing of a Protocol on trade relations between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of China, which took place today at the Department of Foreign Affairs, marks another step in the forging of close and cordial relations between the Philippine and the Chinese peoples.

The Philippines and China are next-door neighbors. Our two peoples have been in association for many, many centuries. Inter-dependence between us in the field of security as against foreign aggression is a fact of history and geography. But no less important is our relations in trade. It is a vital field for mutual assistance and endeavor.

Historically, trade between our two countries has not been large. Our economies, however, are expanding rapidly and so will the trade between us.

The Protocol just concluded is designed to promote such trade and to set a pattern for future expansion. The negotiations leading to the conclusion of the Trade Protocol have been characterized throughout by a spirit of mutual trust and understanding. We are sure that the result thus achieved will prove to be advantageous to both parties in the days to come.

C. P. G.
C. C. M.

Manila, Philippines
October 18, 1956