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AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE  
PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
FRANCE

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of France, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties,

Desiring to enhance the friendly relations existing between the two countries through cooperation in the areas of science and technology on the basis of the principles of equal rights and mutual advantage,

Recognizing the advantages to be derived by their respective peoples from increased scientific and technical cooperation,

Recognizing the need to jointly respond to the technological requirements of development as a means of strengthening economic ties,

Sharing the desire to undertake a comprehensive and intensified program of developing appropriate technologies in priority areas,

Have agreed as follows:

*Article I.* The Contracting Parties shall develop, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations, scientific and technical cooperation in fields mutually agreed upon.

*Article II.* The scientific and technical cooperation between the two Contracting Parties shall be promoted through the formulation and implementation of a program to develop appropriate technologies supported with the necessary resources to include:

1. Scientific and technological research and development and experiments in the areas jointly agreed upon;
2. Exchange of experts and technicians for studies, consultations and exchanges of views;
3. Exchange of equipment, instruments, accessories, and other materials necessary for the implementation of the provisions of the present Agreement;
4. Organization of training and specialized training courses and reciprocal grant of fellowships in the scientific and technical fields;
5. Organization of scientific and technical conferences and meetings;
6. Exchange or donation of scientific and technical information, publications, films and other similar materials;
7. Provision of necessary assistance for implementing transfer of appropriate technologies for identified projects;
8. Such other forms of cooperation as the two Contracting Parties may mutually agree upon.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 14 February 1980 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Manila, in accordance with article IX.

Besides, the Contracting Parties declare themselves available, should the occasion arise, to encourage, to the best possible extent, exchanges of technologies between enterprises, including technical collaboration arrangements.

*Article III.* To implement the scientific and technical cooperation provided for in article II, the Contracting Parties agree to negotiate specific project arrangements in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

These negotiations will be conducted through a Joint Commission, the members of which will be appointed by the two Governments and to which appointed experts can be added. This Commission shall study the questions relative to the implementation of the present Agreement.

*Article IV.* 1. Representatives, and appointed experts, of both Contracting Parties in the Joint Commission referred to in article III shall meet at the request made by either of them through diplomatic channels, to discuss matters of mutual interest concerning the implementation of this Agreement, to establish programs of cooperation aimed at the expansion of scientific and technological relations and to propose appropriate solutions to any difficulty encountered in the implementation of the Agreement.

These representatives shall keep under review the development of scientific and technological relations between their two countries, both in the bilateral and multilateral contexts. They shall make recommendations to their respective Governments on the means by which the objectives of this Agreement might be furthered and a fuller measure of scientific and technological cooperation might be obtained.

2. The programs of cooperation referred to in paragraph 1 shall contain detailed description of the activities to be jointly undertaken, the manner in which the activities shall be carried out, the contributions of the cooperating institutions and their rights and duties, the financial conditions for achieving the purposes of the activities and the method for exercising the joint ownership of the results and benefits thereof.

*Article V.* A. In accordance with their respective existing laws and regulations, the Government of each Contracting Party shall grant to the citizens of the other entering its territory for purposes of carrying out this Agreement all assistance necessary to facilitate the discharge of their duties.

B. In conformity with local legislation and on a reciprocal basis, visiting experts, researchers and technicians working in the execution of cooperative programs and projects:

- 1) Are exempted from income tax due to the indemnities and remuneration that they will be given for their services in relation to the said programs;
- 2) May import, free of customs duties and other taxes, their furniture and personal effects, including one car for each expert, during the six months of their taking on of their functions within the framework of the projects and programs, provided that each article shall be re-exported after their stay; should these imported items be disposed of by an expert, technician or researcher during his period of service or upon completion thereof, these items shall be subject to the normal local customs duties, licenses or taxes;
- 3) Will be provided with identification documents by the Contracting Parties, guaranteeing that proper authorities will offer them the necessary facilities for

the exercise of their functions normally extended to or granted by the Government of each Contracting Party.

*Article VI.* Each Party shall authorize, in conformity with local legislation, the importation, free of tax, of materials and equipment which are necessary to carry out projects.

Such equipment cannot be ceded to the other country except in accordance with the conditions imposed by the regulations in force in said country.

*Article VII.* The Contracting Parties shall become joint owners of whatever inventions, techniques, processes and other beneficial results that will arise out of the activities of this program. Subject to mutual agreement, they may register them under their respective copyright and patent laws. Neither Contracting Party shall transmit information on said activities to a third party without the previous consent of the other Contracting Party.

*Article VIII.* The provisions of the present Agreement may be amended or modified only upon the consent of both Contracting Parties.

*Article IX.* The present Agreement shall become effective upon the exchange of instruments of ratification between the Contracting Parties and shall remain in force for a period of 5 years unless terminated by either Contracting Party through a six-month prior written notice.

The Agreement shall be tacitly extended for successive periods of one year unless either of the two Contracting Parties denounces it in writing six months prior to its expiry.

Projects which, at the expiration of this Agreement, have already been commenced but have not yet been fully implemented shall be carried out to the extent that funds obligated for these projects are available.

DONE in duplicate at Paris this eighteenth day of November 1978 in Pilipino, French, and English, all texts being equally authentic and valid.

For the Government  
of the Republic of the Philippines:

[Signed]<sup>1</sup>

For the Government  
of the Republic of France:

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<sup>1</sup> Signed by Carlos P. Romulo.

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