

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN THE PHILIPPINES
AND
THE MANILA ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN TAIWAN
ON
COOPERATION IN COMBATING DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT
TRAFFICKING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND CHEMICALS**

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in the Philippines, and the Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO) in Taiwan, hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties;"

Recognizing that drug abuse and illicit trafficking of controlled substances and chemicals pose a serious threat to the health, security and welfare of human beings, and adversely affect the economic, social, cultural and political foundations of the society;

Considering the gravity of the acute situation caused by the enlarged scope of illicit drug production and smuggling in the world;

Recognizing the importance of coordination and cooperation in combating drug abuse and illicit trafficking of controlled substances and chemicals; and

Being aware of the mutual advantages of such a constructive cooperation by both Parties;

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1
The Objective and Scope of Cooperation**

The Parties shall promote and encourage various modes of cooperation in order to effectively prevent and control the various aspects of illicit production, distribution, trafficking and abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and the diversion of precursors and essential chemicals that may be used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

**Article 2
Cooperation Modes**

The Parties, through their respective designated agencies, shall cooperate in the following areas, in accordance with existing laws and regulations of the contracting parties, inter alia;

- a. Exchange of information of any suspicion of illegal traffic of narcotics, psychotropic substances, or illegal diversion of precursors and essential chemicals towards any of the Parties;

- b. Exchange of information of concealment methods used in the illegal transit of narcotics, psychotropic substances, or illegal diversion of precursors and essential chemicals as well as on ways of detecting them;
- c. Exchange of information on usual routes of criminal organizations engaged in illegal transit of narcotics, psychotropic substances, or illegal diversion of precursors and essential chemicals within the territory of any of the Parties;
- d. Exchange of information on new types of drugs;
- e. Organize meetings to exchange experiences on research, detection and control of narcotics, psychotropic substances and precursors and essential chemicals;
- f. Organized workshops, seminars and congresses to share experiences on drug addiction, detoxification and rehabilitation as well as in the conduct of anti-drug operations, the illegal inflow of narcotics, psychotropic of anti-drug operations, the illegal inflow of narcotics, psychotropic substances, and the illegal diversion of precursors and essential chemicals;
- g. Exchange of methodology of identification of sources of illegal inflow of narcotics, psychotropic substances, or illegal diversion of precursors and essential chemicals, as well as information aimed at enforcing actions to prevent this kind of illegal activities;
- h. Exchange of information on legislative and practical experiences on the prohibition of illegal trade and abuse of narcotics and psychotropic substances;
- i. Any other action as agreed upon by the Parties.

Article 3 **Confidentiality of Information**

The information and documents obtained in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding shall be kept confidential.

Article 4 **Costs**

The requesting Party shall bear all costs associated with international travels, such as meals and accommodations, of its representatives.

The requested Party shall provide any necessary assistance to the requesting Party for the compliance of the request.

Article 5 **Implementation of the Agreement**

- The Drug Enforcement Administration of the Contracting Parties shall:
- a. communicate directly with each other for the purpose of dealing with matters arising out of this Memorandum of Understanding;
 - b. after consultation, issue any administrative directives necessary for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding; and
 - c. endeavor by mutual accord to resolve problems or questions arising from the interpretation or application of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Conflicts for which no solutions can be found shall be referred to the Parties.

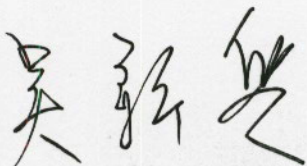
Article 6
Effective date ; Amendment ; Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective upon signature by the Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time, in writing, as mutually arranged by the Parties.

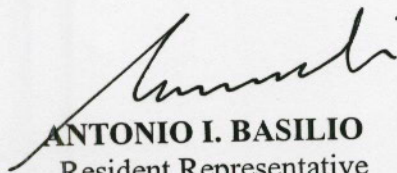
Either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by serving of notice in writing thirty days prior to intended date of termination.

DONE at Taipei, on the 23rd day of January 2007, in quadruplicate in the English language.



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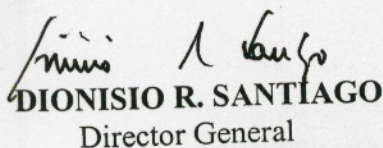
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