EU/Philippines Partnership and Cooperation Framework Agreement

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PURPOSE: to approve the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Philippines, of the other part.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2017/2414 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part.

CONTENT: by this Decision, the **Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Philippines**, of the other part, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The Framework Agreement was signed on 11 July 2012, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

General principles: respect for **democratic principles and human rights**, as laid down in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, constitutes an essential element of this Agreement.

The Parties reaffirm their attachment to the principle of good governance and confirm their commitment to promoting **sustainable development**, cooperating to address the challenges of climate change and to contributing to the internationally agreed **development goals**, including those contained in the Millennium Development Goals.

Areas of cooperation: with a view to strengthening their bilateral relationship, the Parties undertake to hold a comprehensive dialogue and promote further cooperation in the following areas:

- political, social, and economic matters in all relevant regional and international fora and organisations;
- combating terrorism and transnational crimes;
- human rights and dialogue on the fight against serious crimes of international concern;
- countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, small arms and light weapons as well as promoting peace processes and conflict prevention;
- trade and investment;
- justice and security, including legal cooperation; illicit drugs; money laundering; combating organised crime and corruption; data protection and refugees and internally displaced persons;
- migration and maritime labour.

The Parties also undertake to establish cooperation in all **other areas of mutual interest**, in particular employment, development cooperation, economic policy, good governance in the tax area, industrial policy and SMEs, information and communication technologies (ICTs), science and technology, transport, tourism, education, intercultural and interfaith dialogue, energy, environment and natural resources including climate change, agriculture, fisheries, health and disaster risk management.

The Agreement contains institutional arrangements to set up a **joint committee** composed of representatives of both sides to ensure the proper functioning and implementation of the agreement and resolve disputes.

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