

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND  
NORTHERN IRELAND ON HEALTHCARE COOPERATION

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties;

DESIRING to enhance their bilateral relations in respect of healthcare policy;

RECOGNIZING the importance of exchanging knowledge and expertise between the Contracting Parties through cooperation on health care;

Further RECOGNIZING that professional staff recruited from the Philippines to the National Health Service (NHS) employment in the UK have an opportunity to enhance their skills and explore best practice.

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties shall endeavor to cooperate in the development of the delivery of health care through the recruitment in the Philippines and employment of Filipino nurses and other healthcare professionals in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in accordance with their respective existing national laws and regulations. Under this Memorandum of Understanding, other healthcare professionals shall refer to physiotherapists, radiographers, occupational therapists, bio-medical scientists and other allied health professions that are presently regulated by appropriate professional bodies in both countries.

ARTICLE 2

For the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Implementing Agencies for the Republic of the Philippines shall be the Department of Labor and Employment and the Department of Health. For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Implementing Agency shall be the Department of Health.

ARTICLE 3

The Contracting Parties shall undertake a recruitment project, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", between the respective implementing agencies.

The Project shall be carried out as follows:

- To continue the recruitment project with a view to sustainable recruitment and employment of nurses and other healthcare professionals from the Philippines;

- To intensify bilateral exchanges of policy thinking with regard to nursing workforce development and best practice in ~~the~~ delivery of healthcare.
- To involve professional staff and healthcare managers in the Project, particularly in relation to education and training of Filipino nurses and other healthcare professionals, with a view for a Mutual Recognition Arrangement in nursing and other healthcare professions between the Parties; and
- To draw up an action agenda to implement the Project, especially with respect to addressing any gaps in the entire process of recruitment of nurses and other healthcare professionals.

#### ARTICLE 4

Any dispute between the Contracting Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled by consultations or negotiations.

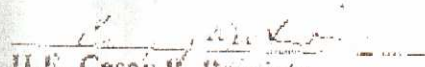
#### ARTICLE 5

Any amendment or revision to the text of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be done by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties. These amendments or revisions shall enter into force in accordance with the provision on entry into force.

#### ARTICLE 6

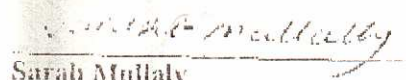
This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of the later written notification by the Parties, through diplomatic channels, indicating that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

  
H.E. Cesar W. Bautista  
Philippine Ambassador to the  
Court of St. James's

Date: 30 May 2008

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT  
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

  
Sarah Mullaly  
Chief Nursing Officer for the Department  
of Health

Date: 30 7 08

Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT  
Intramuros, Manila

**CERTIFICATION OF CONCURRENCE  
BY CONCERNED AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS**

This is to certify that the Department of Labor and Employment has been consulted and has concurred with the requested action on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Healthcare Cooperation.



DANILO P. CRUZ  
Acting Secretary

7 October 2003

Kagawaran ng Unapang Panlabas

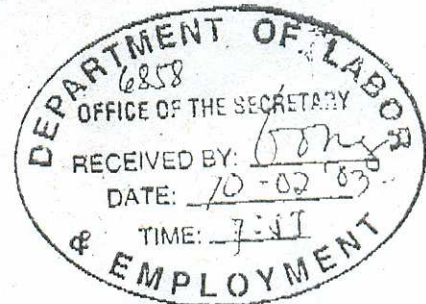


Department of Foreign Affairs

OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR MIGRANT WORKERS' AFFAIRS

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30 September 2003



Dear Secretary Sto. Tomas:

Enclosed, is a certified true copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Healthcare Cooperation, which was received by the Department from the Philippine Embassy in London.

The Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) of the Department is now in the process of preparing the necessary document and would need the concurrence of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in the submission of the MOU for ratification.

In this regard, it would be highly appreciated if the attached Certificate of Concurrence could be used as sample in the preparation of your Department's Certificate.

Thank you very much for your earliest reply.

Very truly yours,

JOSE S. BRILLANTES  
Undersecretary

The Honorable  
Patricia STO. TOMAS  
Secretary  
Department of Labor and Employment  
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