MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

On the occasion of the official visit of Deputy Commissioners JOSEPH P. KELLER and ARNOLD J. KANDAKAI of the Bureau of Maritime Affairs, Republic of Liberia to the Philippines on August 5-10, 1985, to discuss with Philippine authorities matters of mutual interest affecting particularly the employment of Filipino seafarers on board Liberian Flag Vessels, the two parties have reached the following understanding:

- Efforts shall be made to maintain the process of consultation and discussion started by the two visits to Manila this year of Liberian Maritime Officials. Philippine Officials shall do their utmost to reciprocate such visits in the very near future;
- 2. An information exchange program shall be established involving particularly the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) in the case of the Philippines and the Bureau of Maritime Affairs in the case of Liberia to ensure fast and effective flow of information on matters of mutual concern and interest;
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- 4. In response to situations where criminal offenses against persons or property maybe committed by Filipino seafarers on-board Liberian Flag Vessels, the two parties have agreed to recommend to their respective competent authorities the possibility of higher level discussions aimed at developing a system involving the legal arrangements that would facilitate fair, just and speedy adjudication of such offenses;
- 5. Joint undertakings for the protection and enhancement of seafarers welfare and training shall be pursued. Towards this end, the two parties shall share expertise and knowledge with respect to training and other upgrading programs, welfare protection and such other activities that will promote the interests of both parties.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 10th day of August 1985.

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

(signed)
JOSEPH P. KELLER
Deputy Commissioner
Bureau of Maritime Affairs

Witnesses:

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ARNOLD J. KANDAKAI
Deputy Commissionet
Bureau of Maritime Affairs

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

(signed)
CRESCENCIO M. SIDDAYAO
Deputy Administrator and Officer
in Charge
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