

## BILATERAL LABOR AGREEMENTS FOR FILIPINO SEAFARERS

### 1. LABOR COOPERATION

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	REMARKS
<p>1. JAPAN</p> <p><u>March 12, 2009</u> Signatories: Sec. Marianito D. Roque (DOLE) and Min. Kazuyoshi Kaneko (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism)</p>	<p>Memorandum of Cooperation on Development of Asian Seafarers Between the Department of Labor of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan</p>	<p>Effective on the date of signing</p> <p>Termination shall be done by giving 1 year advance notice (through writing) by the other Party.</p>	<p>To address the issue of global shortage of seafarers, contracting parties agree to promote technical cooperation and partnership for mutual interest, through the implementation of the "International Cooperative Training Project for Asian Seafarers"</p>	<p>Effective: March 12, 2009</p> <p>No specific law was cited but, the cooperation under the Memorandum will be carried on in accordance with the national laws and regulations within the limits of the respective annual budgetary appropriations of the contracting parties</p>
<p>2. LIBERIA</p>	<p>Memorandum of Understanding</p>	<p>August 10, 1985</p>	<p>Promotion of employment of Filipino seafarers on Liberian ships</p> <p>Philippine authorities shall ensure the competence and qualification of Filipino seafarers through a system of education, training, licensing and certification and the POEA, Ministry of Labor and Employment in particular shall set up an effective system of authenticating documents and of certifying to the Liberian authorities in the issuance of equivalent documents essential to their employment on-board Liberian Flag vessels.</p> <p>Joint undertaking for the protection and enhancement of seafarer welfare and training shall be pursued.</p>	<p>Parties shall undertake and pursue protection and enhancement of seafarers welfare and training</p>

## 2. CONVENTION ON THE STANDARD FOR TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING

### I/10 OF THE 1978 STCW CONVENTION

(RECOGNITION OF SEAFARERS CERTIFICATES)

#### 43 SIGNED STCW CONVENTIONS WITH 43 COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	SPECIFIC LAW CITED
<p><b>1. ANTIGUA AND BARBADUA</b></p> <p><u>12 December 2001</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Dir. And Registry Gen. Capt. P.J. Cornelius (Dept of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping)</p>	<p>Undertaking between the Government of Republic of the Philippines and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda Concerning the Recognition of Certificates Under Regulation I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, As Amended</p>	<p>This undertaking will take effect on the date both Contracting Parties have indicated that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with</p> <p>Termination may be done by either Party giving six (6) months notice in writing to the other Party</p>	<p>To promote good relations between the two (2) countries on the basis of equal partnership and mutual interests.</p>	<p>Ratified: August 8, 2003</p>
<p><b>2. AUSTRALIA</b></p> <p><u>21 June 2002</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Mngr. of Ship Operators and Qualifications John Briggs (Australian Maritime Safety Authority)</p>	<p>Undertaking between the Government of Republic of the Philippines and the Government of Australia Concerning the Recognition of Certificates Under Regulation I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, As Amended</p>	<p>Effective on the date of signature by both Parties.</p> <p>Valid for five (5) years automatically renewed for another five (5) years.</p> <p>Termination should be done in writing six (6) months prior to the desired date of termination</p>	<p>For recognition of national certificates under the terms of International Convention on Standards of Training and Certification and Watchkeeping Seafarers</p>	<p>Pending ratification: June 6, 2003 Until: June 21, 2012</p>
<p><b>3. BAHAMAS</b></p> <p><u>10 September 2001</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Mngr.</p>	<p>Undertaking between the Government of Republic of the Philippines and the Government of Bahamas Concerning the Recognition of Certificates Under Regulation I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, As</p>	<p>This undertaking will take effect on the date both Contracting Parties have indicated that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with</p>	<p>To promote good relations between the two (2) countries on the basis of equal partnership and mutual interests.</p>	<p>Ratified: February 18, 2002</p>

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	SPECIFIC LAW CITED
of Ship Operators and Dep. Dir. Capt. Duncan M. Drummond (Bahamas Maritime Authority)	Amended	Termination should be done in writing six (6) months prior to the desired date of termination		
<b>4. BARBADOS</b>  <u>22 April 2002</u>  Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Principal Registrar Marion Charlesworth (Barbados Ships' Registry)	An Undertaking Concerning the Recognition of Training and Certification of Seafarers for Service on Board Vessels Registered in Barbados Between the Principal Registrar Barbados Ships' Registry on behalf of The Government of Barbados and The Maritime Administration of the Philippines	Will remain valid unless revoked by either Party in writing		Ratified: August 4, 2003
<b>5. BELGIUM</b>  <u>12 June 2003</u>  Signatories: Acting Sec. Manuel G. Imson (DOLE) and Dir. Gen. Michel Joseph (Directorate-General Maritime Transport)	Undertaking for the Recognition by the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium of Certificates of Competency Issued by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines under Regulation I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended	This undertaking will take effect on the date both Contracting Parties have indicated that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with  Valid for five (5) years automatically renewed for another five (5) years.  Termination should be done in writing six (6) months prior to the desired date of termination		Effective: December 30, 2003 Until: December 30, 2013
<b>6. BELIZE</b>  <u>17 June 2002</u>  Signatories: Acting Sec. Manuel G. Imson (DOLE) and Certification Department Head Eng.	An Undertaking Concerning the Recognition of Training and Certification of Seafarers for Service on Board Vessels Registered in Belize between The International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize on behalf of the Government of Belize and Maritime Training	Silent on the Undertaking's validity		On hold, pending amendments as of October 15, 2002

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	SPECIFIC LAW CITED
Libardo Bru, MSC (Int'l Merchant Marine Registry)	Council on behalf of the Government of the Philippines			
<p><b>7. BRUNEI</b></p> <p><u>23 August 2001</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Communications Minister and Head Pehin Orang Kaya Amar Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Zakaria Bin Datu Mahawangsa Haji Sulaiman (Maritime Authority)</p>	Undertaking between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang DI-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam Concerning the Recognition of Certificates under Regulation I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, of Seafarers for Service on vessels registered in Brunei	<p>This undertaking will take effect on the date both Contracting Parties have indicated that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with</p> <p>Termination should be done in writing six (6) months prior to the desired date of termination</p>	To promote good relations between the two (2) countries on the basis of equal partnership and mutual interests.	Effective: March 12, 2002
<p><b>8. CAMBODIA</b></p> <p><u>14 October 2002</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Min. Jacob Nuwa Wea (Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration)</p>	Memorandum of Undertaking between the Ministry of Public Works and Transport of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Maritime Training Council of the Republic of the Philippines on the Recognition of Training and Certification for Seafarers	<p>This undertaking will take effect on the date both Contracting Parties have indicated that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with</p> <p>Valid for five (5) years automatically renewed for another five (5) years.</p> <p>Termination should be done in writing six (6) months prior to the desired date of termination</p>		Ratified: October 22, 2003 Until: October 14, 2012
<p><b>9. COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA</b></p> <p><u>25 April 2003</u></p> <p>Signatories:</p>	Memorandum of Agreement on the Recognition of Training and Certification of Seafarers between the Commonwealth of Dominica as represented by the Office of Maritime Affairs and	May be terminated by the Commonwealth of Dominica without notice if at any time the Republic of the Philippines renounces the STCW Convention or fails to	The Dominican Administration shall recognize the certificates of competency issued by the Philippines Administration under the STCW Convention as amended in accordance with Regulation I/10 of	Ratified: September 15, 2003

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	SPECIFIC LAW CITED
Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Dep. Maritime Admin. Eric R. Dawicki (Dominica Maritime Registry, Inc)	Maritime Personnel and the Republic of the Philippines as represented by the Maritime Training Council	implement any amendment thereto  Valid for five (5) years and shall be renewed automatically unless either Party gives 6 mons notice prior to the expiration of the agreement	the said Convention subject to the terms and conditions in the agreement	
<b>10. CYPRUS</b>  <u>13 September 2001</u>  Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Sr Marine Surveyor Capt. Andreas A. Constantinou	Undertaking for the Recognition by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus of Certificates of Competency issued by the competent Authorities of the Republic of the Philippines in accordance with Regulation I/10 of the International Convention on Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 as amended	May be terminated or suspended by either contracting Party at 30 days written notice communicated to the other contracting Party  May be amended after a relevant proposal has been made unilaterally or bilaterally and with the consent of both Parties		Ratified: August 28, 2003
<b>11. DENMARK</b>  <u>3 August 2001</u>  Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Sr Marine Surveyor Capt. Andreas A. Constantinou	Undertaking between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark Concerning the Recognition of Certificates under Regulation I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended	This undertaking will take effect on the date of the latter written notification by either contracting party, through diplomatic channels, indicating that the domestic requirements for its entry to force has been complied with  Termination should be done in writing six (6) months prior to the desired date of termination		Ratified: December 10, 2001
<b>12. ERITREA</b>  <u>17 April 2006</u>  Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Min. Woldemichael Abraha	Undertaking concerning the recognition of Training and Certification of Seafarers for Service on Eritrean Flagged Vessels between the Department of Maritime Transport of the Ministry of Transport and Communication			Ratified: July 14, 1006

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	SPECIFIC LAW CITED
(Min. of Transport and Communication )	of the State of Eritrea and Maritime Training Council (MTC) Republic of the Philippines			
<p><b>13. GEORGIA</b></p> <p><u>6 May 2003</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Chairman Capt. D. Tsintsadze (Maritime Transport Administration of Georgia)</p>	<p>An Undertaking concerning the Recognition of Training and Certification of Seafarers between the Maritime Transport Administration of Georgia on behalf of the Government of Georgia and Maritime Training Council on behalf of the Government of the Philippines</p>	<p>May be terminated or suspended by either Contracting Party by giving at least 30 day written notice</p> <p>Valid for five (5) years and shall be renewed automatically for another five (5) years unless either Party gives 6 mons notice prior to the expiration of the agreement</p>	<p>Applicable to seafarers holding certificates issued by one Party in accordance with relevant provisions of the STCW Convention and serving on board ships flying the flag of the other Party.</p>	<p>Amendment forwarded to DFA: July 22, 2003 Until: May 6, 2013</p>
<p><b>14. HELLENIC REPUBLIC (GREECE)</b></p> <p><u>12 March 2003</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Head of the Seafarers Training Directorate Captain (HCG) Exarchopoulos Panagiotis (Greek Ministry of Mercantile Marine)</p>	<p>Bilateral Undertaking between the Government of the Hellenic Republic and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines concerning the Recognition of Certificates pursuant to Regulation I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended</p>	<p>Each Party has the right to denounce this Undertaking at any time by writer notification, effectivity of which shall take effect 3 months after the receipt of notice by the other Party</p> <p>Undertaking shall be automatically extended for consecutive periods of 5 years unless denounced by either of the Parties.</p>		<p>Ratified: July 22, 2003</p>
<p><b>15. HONGKONG</b></p> <p><u>29 October 2001</u></p> <p>Signatories: Usec. Manuel G. Imson (DOLE) and Dir. S.Y. Tsui (Marine Department)</p>	<p>Recognition of Certificates under Regulation I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended</p>	<p>This undertaking will take effect on the date both Contracting Parties have indicated that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with</p> <p>Termination may be done by either Party giving six (6) months notice in writing to the other Party</p>	<p>To promote good relations between the two (2) countries on the basis of equal partnership and mutual interests.</p>	<p>Ratified: February 26, 2002</p>

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	SPECIFIC LAW CITED
<p><b>16. INDONESIA</b></p> <p><u>16 September 2002</u></p> <p>Signatories:            Usec. Manuel G. Imson (DOLE) and Dir. Gen. Tjuk Sukardiman (Directorate General of Sea Communication)</p>	<p>An Undertaking concerning the Recognition of Training and Certification of Seafarers for Service on Board Indonesia Flagged Vessels between Maritime Training Council on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Indonesia and the Directorate General of Sea Communication on behalf of the Government of the Government of the Philippines</p>	<p>Shall enter into force on the later of two (2) dates shown in the agreement</p> <p>Valid for five (5) years</p> <p>Termination by either Party may be done by a written notice at least 12 months prior to the intended date of termination</p>		<p>Ratified: June 2, 2003            Expired: 2007</p>
<p><b>17. IRELAND</b></p> <p><u>25 April 2003</u></p> <p>Signatories:            Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Marine Surveyors Office Deputy Chief Surveyor S.A. McLoughlin (Dept of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources</p>	<p>Memorandum of Agreement on the Recognition of Training and Certification of Seafarers between the Government of Ireland as represented by the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources and the Republic of the Philippines as represented by the Maritime Training Council</p>	<p>Shall take effect on the date both Parties have indicated through diplomatic channels that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with.</p> <p>Valid for 5 years, and shall be renewed automatically unless either Party gives a 6 months notice before the expiration of this agreement</p>		<p>Pending ratification: June 6, 2003</p>
<p><b>18. ISLE OF MAN</b></p> <p><u>11 January 2002</u></p> <p>Signatories:            Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Dir. of Marine Admin. Capt. W.D. Howell (Dept of Trade &amp; Industry)</p>	<p>An Undertaking in accordance with Regulation I/10, paragraph 1.2 of the International Convention of Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended in 1995. Concerning the recognition of certification issued to seafarers by the Government of The Republic of the Philippines, For service in ships registered in the Isle of Man. And made between; The Isle of Man Marine Administration, a Division of the Department of Trade and</p>	<p>Shall enter into force on the date indicated in the Undertaking.</p> <p>Shall remain in force until terminated by either Party</p> <p>May be terminated at any time after giving written notice of at least 6 months prior to the date of intended termination</p>	<p>To ensure that the education, training and assessment of seafarers issued with certificates of competency are administered and monitored in accordance with the provisions of Section A-I/6 of the Code of Convention</p>	<p>On hold pending amendments: October 15, 2002</p>

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	SPECIFIC LAW CITED
	Industry of the Isle of Man and The Maritime Training Council for the Government of the Philippines			
<b>19. ITALY</b> <u>24 April 2002</u>  Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Head of Navigation and Air and Maritime Dr. Silvio di Virgilio (Transport Dept)	Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the Recognition of Training and Certification of Seafarers for Service on Philippine Flagged Vessels between the Italy Administration and Philippines Administration	Effective on the date of execution by the Italy Administration.  Valid for 5 years, automatically renewable for another 5 years  Termination may be done by either Party giving six (6) months notice in writing to the other Party	For the recognition of national certificates under the terms and conditions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978	On hold pending amendments: October 15, 2002 Until: 2012
<b>20. JAMAICA</b>  <u>21 April 2005</u>  Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Rear Admiral and Dir. Gen Peter Brady (Maritime Authority of Jamaica)	Recognition of Certificates under the Terms of the 1978 International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as Amended in 1995 (Recognition of Jamaican Certificates)			Pending Ratification: August 31, 2005
<b>21. JAPAN</b>  <u>21 January 2000</u>  Signatories: Sec. Domingo R. Siazon, Jr. (DFA) and Charge d' Affairs Hideaki Asahi (Japanese Embassy)	RP-Japan Undertaking on the Recognition of Certificates under Regulation I/10 of the IMO STCW – through a Note Verbale issued by CDA Hideaki Asahi, Embassy of Japan in Manila	Either Gov't may terminate this Undertaking by giving 30 days written notice to the other Party	For the recognition of national certificates under the terms and conditions of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978	Ratified: August 17, 2004
<b>22. KOREA</b>  <u>3 October 2005</u>  Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto.	Undertaking Concerning the Recognition of Training and Certification of Seafarers for Service on Philippine Flagged Vessels between Maritime Training Council, on Behalf of			Pending Ratification: October 17, 2005

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	SPECIFIC LAW CITED
Tomas (DOLE) and Shipping and Logistics Bureau Dir. Gen. Jae Gyoon Lee (Min of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries)	the Republic of the Philippines, and Shipping and Logistics Bureau, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, on Behalf of the Republic of Korea			
<b>23. KUWAIT</b> <u>10 November 2002</u> Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Usec Hamed. M. Khajah (Ministry of Communications)	Memorandum of Understanding on the Recognition of Certificates Competency and Training of Seafarers for Service on Board Vessels Registered in State of Kuwait between the Government of the State of Kuwait and the Government of the Philippines	Shall enter into force on the date of the later written notification by the Parties  Valid for 5 years, automatically renewable for another 5 years  Termination may be done by either Party giving six (6) months notice in writing to the other Party		Ratified: April 2, 2004 Until: 2012
<b>24. LIBERIA</b> <u>5 June 2002</u> Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Comm Benoni W. Urey (Maritime Affairs)	Undertaking between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Liberia Concerning the Recognition of Certificates under Regulations I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as Amended	Shall take effect of the date both Contracting Parties have indicated through diplomatic channels that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with  May be terminated by either Party by giving 6 months notice in writing to the other Party	To promote good relations between the two (2) countries on the basis of equal partnership and mutual interests	Pending Ratification: June 6, 2003
<b>25. LUXEMBOURG</b> <u>28 June 2002</u> Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Gov't Comm Marc Glodt (Maritime Affairs)	Memorandum of Agreement on the Certificates of Competency and Training of Seafarers for Service on Board Vessels Registered in Luxemburg between the Maritime Training Council of the Philippines and the Commissariat aux Affaires Maritimes of Luxembourg	Shall enter into force on the date signed by both Parties  Valid for 5 years, automatically renewable for another 5 years  Termination may be done by either Party giving six (6) months notice in writing to the other Party	For the purpose of ensuring that the requirements of Regulation I/10 are complied with	Pending Ratification: Until: 2012
<b>26. MALAYSIA</b> <u>31 July 2002</u>	An Undertaking Concerning the Recognition of Training and Certification of Seafarers for Service on Philippine Flagged	Valid for 5 years, automatically renewable for another 5 years  Termination may be done by		Pending Ratification: June 6, 2003 Until: 2012

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	SPECIFIC LAW CITED
Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Dir Gen Raja Malik Saripulazan Bin Raja Kamaruzaman (Marine Department)	Vessels between the Maritime Training Council of the Republic of the Philippines and the Marine Dept of Malaysia	either Party giving six (12) months notice in writing to the other Party		
<b>27. MALTA</b>  <u>11 January 2002</u>  Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Exec Dir of Merchant Shipping L.C. Vassallo (Malta Maritime Authority)	Undertaking between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of Malta concerning the Recognition of Certificates under Regulation I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended	Shall take effect of the date both Contracting Parties have indicated through diplomatic channels that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with  Termination may be done by either Party giving six (6) months notice in writing to the other Party	To promote good relations between the two (2) countries on the basis of equal partnership and mutual interests	On hold (pending amendments): October 15, 2003
<b>28. MARSHALL ISLANDS</b>  <u>08 October 2001</u>  Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Maritime Administrator Guy E.C. Maitlan	Undertaking between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Concerning the Recognition of Certificates under Regulation I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as Amended	Shall take effect of the date both Contracting Parties have indicated through diplomatic channels that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with  Termination may be done by either Party giving six (6) months notice in writing to the other Party	To promote good relations between the two (2) countries on the basis of equal partnership and mutual interests	Ratified: August 4, 2003
<b>29. MONGOLIA</b>  <u>12 June 2003</u>  Signatories: Acting Sec Manuel G. Imson (DOLE) and Dir of Shipping Div. Sundev Zorigt (Mongolia Maritime Administration, Ministry of Infrastructure)	Memorandum of Agreement on the Recognition of Training and Certification of Seafarers between the Government of Mongolia and the Republic of the Philippines	Shall take effect of the date both Contracting Parties have indicated through diplomatic channels that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with  Valid for 5 years, shall be renewed automatically unless either Party gives 6 months notice before the expiration of this agreement		Ratified: October 9,2003

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	SPECIFIC LAW CITED
<p><b>30. NETHERLANDS</b></p> <p><u>31 May 2001</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Amb Theo Arnold (Emb of the Kingdom of Netherlands to PHL)</p>	<p>Undertaking between the Kingdom of Netherlands and the Republic of the Philippines on the Recognition of Certificates under Regulation I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention</p>	<p>Effective on the first date of the second month after both Parties have notified each other in writing that the procedures for this undertaking have been complied with</p> <p>Termination may be done by either Party giving six (6) months notice in writing to the other Party</p>	<p>To enhance cooperation and understanding in the field of maritime transport and related activities</p>	<p>Ratified: February 11,2002</p>
<p><b>31. NORWAY</b></p> <p><u>19 November 2001</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Dir. Gen. Rune Teisrud (Norwegian Maritime Directorate)</p>	<p>Undertaking between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway concerning the Recognition of Seafarers Certificates under Regulation I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended</p>	<p>Shall take effect of the date both Contracting Parties have indicated through diplomatic channels that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with</p> <p>Termination may be done by either Party giving six (6) months notice in writing to the other Party</p>	<p>To promote good relations between the two (2) countries on the basis of equal partnership and mutual interests</p>	<p>Ratified: January 22,2002</p>
<p><b>32. PANAMA</b></p> <p><u>26 July 2002</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Admin Jerry Salazar (Panama Maritime Authority)</p>	<p>An Agreement Concerning the Recognition of Training and Certification of Seafarers for Service on Board Vessels Registered in the Republic of Panama in between the Administrator of the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) on Behalf of the Republic of the Panama and the Maritime Training Council on Behalf of the Philippines</p>	<p>Effective on the date signed by both Parties</p> <p>Valid for 5 years, shall be renewed automatically unless either Party gives 6 months notice before the expiration of this agreement</p>	<p>To ensure that the requirements of the STCW Convention, including related provisions of the STCW Code, are complied with</p>	<p>Pending Ratification: July 6, 2003</p>
<p><b>33. POLAND</b></p> <p><u>2 September 2004</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto.</p>	<p>Undertaking between the Polish Maritime Administration and Maritime Training Council concerning the Recognition of Certificates under Regulation I/10 of the 1978 STCW</p>			<p>Ratified: March 8, 2005</p>

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	SPECIFIC LAW CITED
Tomas (DOLE) and Dir Jerzy Miszczuk (Dept of Maritime and Inland Waters Administration)	Convention, as amended			
<b>34. PORTUGAL</b>  <u>7 March 2007</u>  Signatories: Sec. Arturo D. Brion (DOLE) and Chairman of the Board Eduardo da Silva Martins (Instituto Portuario e dos Transportes Maritimos)	Undertaking between Portugal and the Philippines Concerning the Recognition of Certificates under Regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention			Pending Ratification: April 16, 2007
<b>35. QATAR</b>  <u>9 August 2006</u>  Signatories: Sec. Arturo D. Brion (DOLE) and Chairman Mohammed Talmees Al-Hajiri (Customes and Ports General Authority)				Ratified: October 2, 2006
<b>36. SINGAPORE</b>  <u>25 August 2001</u>  Signatories: Sec. Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Minister Yeo Cheow Tong (Ministry of Communications and Information Technology)	Undertaking between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning the Recognition of Certificates under Regulation I/10 of the International Convention of Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended	Shall take effect of the date both Contracting Parties have communicated in writing through diplomatic channels that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with  Unless notice of termination has been given by either Party, this Undertaking shall be automatically extended for 5 years  Termination may be done by either Party giving six (12)	To promote good relations between the two (2) countries on the basis of equal partnership and mutual interests	Effective: May 15, 2002

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	SPECIFIC LAW CITED
		months notice in writing to the other Party		
<b>37. SOUTH AFRICA</b>  <u>1 June 2006</u>  Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Acting CEO Carl F. P. Briesch (South African Maritime Safety Authority)	An Undertaking Concerning the Recognition of Training and Certification of Seafarers between the Maritime Training Council (MTC) and THE South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) – (Recognition of South African Seafarer Qualifications)			No status on ratification: June 13, 2006
<b>38. ST. KITTS &amp; NEVIS</b>  <u>5 July 2007</u>  Signatories: Sec.Arturo D. Brion (DOLE) and Director of Maritime Affairs McClean Hobson (Ministry of Public Works, Utilities, Transport and Posts)	Undertaking between the Federation of Saint Christopher (Kitts) & Nevis and the Republic of the Philippines concerning the Recognition of Certificates under Regulation I/10 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended	Valid for 5 years, shall be renewed automatically unless either Party gives 2 months notice before the expiration of this agreement		Pending Ratification: July 18, 2007
<b>39. ST. VINCENT &amp; THE GRENADINES</b>  <u>29 July 2005</u>  Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Comm. for Maritime Affairs Naila B. Dabinovic (St. Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration)	An Undertaking concerning the Recognition of Training and Certification of Seafarers for Service on Board Vessels Registered in St. Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration on behalf of the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Maritime Training Council on behalf of the Government of the Philippines			Pending Ratification: October 17, 2007
<b>40. SWEDEN</b>	Undertaking between the Swedish Maritime	Termination may be done by either Party giving six (6)		On hold (pending amendments): October 15, 2002

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	SPECIFIC LAW CITED
<p><u>29 January 2002</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Deputy Maritime Safety Director (Swedish Maritime Administration)</p>	<p>Administration and the Maritime Training Council of the Republic of the Philippines concerning the Recognition of Certificates under Regulation I/10 of the STCW Convention</p>	<p>months notice in writing to the other Party</p>		
<p><b>41. SWITZERLAND</b></p> <p><u>28 March 2005</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Dir. Jean Hulliger (Swiss Maritime Navigation Officer)</p>	<p>Memorandum of Agreement on the Recognition of Certificates of Competency and Training of Seafarers for Service on Board Vessels Registered in Switzerland between the Swiss Maritime Navigation Office on behalf of the Government of Switzerland and the Maritime Training Council on behalf of the Republic of the Philippines</p>			<p>Agreement forwarded to DFA: April 21, 2005</p>
<p><b>42. UKRAINE</b></p> <p><u>2 September 2004</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Dep. Min. S.V. Symoneko (Ministry of Transport)</p>	<p>(Recognition of Ukraine Certificates) Memorandum of Understanding between the Maritime Training Council of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Transport of Ukraine on the Recognition of Certificates pursuant to Regulation I/10 of the International Convention on Standards and Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended in 1995</p>			<p>Ratified: April 13, 2005</p>
<p><b>43. VANUATU</b></p> <p><u>26 September 2001</u></p> <p>Signatories: Sec.Patricia A. Sto. Tomas (DOLE) and Dep.</p>	<p>Undertaking between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu Concerning the Recognition of Certificates under Regulation I/10 of the</p>	<p>Shall take effect of the date both Contracting Parties have communicated in writing through diplomatic channels that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been complied with</p>	<p>To promote good relations between the two (2) countries on the basis of equal partnership and mutual interests</p>	<p>Pending Ratification: June 21, 2002</p>

COUNTRY	TITLE	DATE OF SIGNING, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMMENDMENT, TERMINATION & VALIDITY	SALIENT FEATURE	SPECIFIC LAW CITED
Comm. Donald J. Sheetz (Maritime Affairs)	1978 STCW Convention, as amended	Termination may be done by either Party giving six (6) months notice in writing to the other Party		

STCW – 43 AGREEMENTS SIGNED  
5- ON HOLD, PENDING AMMENDMENTS  
1- EXPIRED