

## **Agreement**

### **between the competent authorities of the Kingdom of Belgium and the Republic of the Philippines concerning the applicable legislation of persons working on board a ship that flies the flag of one of both States**

Whereas article 7 (b) of the Convention on social security between the Kingdom of Belgium and the Republic of the Philippines, signed by the Contracting States on 7 December 2001, has been interpreted in different ways;

Whereas the Contracting States cannot concur on a mutually acceptable interpretation on the applicable legislation of persons working on board a ship that flies the flag of one of both States;

Wherefore, in application of Article 10 of this Convention, the competent authorities have agreed that, in derogation of article 7 (b), all persons working on board a ship that flies the flag of a Contracting State but residing in the territory of the other Contracting State shall be subject to the legislation of the latter Contracting State in whose territory they reside.

This Agreement is concluded for a period of five years. Thereafter, it shall have effect from year to year, unless one of the Contracting states denounces it in writing, at least three months before the end of the term.

This agreement shall enter into force on 1 August 2005.

Done at Manilla on 18 October 2005, in duplicate.

For the Belgian  
competent authority,

MARCEL CROP

Philippine  
competent authority,

CORAZON S. DE LA PAZ