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CANADA-PHILIPPINES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ON FISH INSPECTION SIGNED

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and His Excellency Raul Manglapus, Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Philippines, signed today in Ottawa a Memorandum of Understanding on Fish Inspection between Canada and the Philippines. The signing took place on the occasion of a State visit to Canada by the President of the Republic of the Philippines, Mrs. Corazon C. Aquino.

"This Memorandum of Understanding provides for new cooperation between Canada and the Philippines in the fisheries sector, and will contribute to expanding the level and scope of our two-way trade", stated Mr. Clark.

The Memorandum of Understanding is designed to facilitate the entry to Canada of Philippine products that meet Canadian and international standards. It will result in improved access for Philippine canned tuna and frozen shrimp to Canada and provide Canadian consumers with a source of high quality sea food.

The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Canada and the Philippines follows similar arrangements with Japan and Thailand. It expands to three countries Canada's list of offshore producers that have a capability to meet Canadian standards for quality and safety.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans, which has determined the capability of the fish processing industry in the Philippines to meet Canadian regulatory requirements, will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding.

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