(b) “Force” means in the case of Japan, the Self-Defense Forces, and in the case of the Republic of the Philippines, the Armed Forces of the Philippines;

(c) “Visiting Force” means the Force of a Party, which, with the consent of the other Party, is present in the territory of that other Party in connection with cooperative activities as referred to in paragraph 1 of Article IV;

(d) “member” in relation to the Visiting Force means any person who belongs to the Visiting Force;

(e) “Official Vehicle” means a motor vehicle (including a motorcycle or an armored vehicle) owned by or, unless otherwise indicated, on exclusive hire or lease to, the Sending State that is operated by a member of the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component for the purpose of performing official duties;

(f) “Receiving State” means the Party in whose territory the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component is present, or as the context requires, the territory of that Party; and

(g) “Sending State” means the Party to which the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component belongs.

Article II
PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate mutually beneficial defense cooperation between the Parties by establishing a framework for the conduct of such cooperation, and defining the status of the Visiting Force and the Civilian Component.

Article III
RESPECT FOR LAWS AND REGULATIONS

It is the duty of the Visiting Force and the Civilian Component and the members thereof to respect the laws and regulations of the Receiving State and to abstain from any activity inconsistent with the spirit of this Agreement, and, in particular, from any political activity in the Receiving State. It is also the duty of the Sending State to take necessary measures to that end.

Article IV
APPLICABILITY

1. This Agreement shall apply to matters regarding mutually determined cooperative activities conducted by the Forces (hereinafter referred to as “cooperative activities”) in the Receiving State. Paragraph 1 of Article XXIII and other provisions related to the settlement of claims under that paragraph shall also apply to cooperative activities conducted in waters and superjacent air space beyond the territory of any State where the presence of the Forces therein is incidental to the conduct of cooperative activities in the Receiving State. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as providing a basis for the Force of a Party to conduct activities in the territory of the other Party without its consent.

2. The Parties shall cooperate and, where required, take appropriate measures in accordance with their laws and regulations to ensure that cooperative activities:

(a) do not adversely impact upon the national interests of the Receiving State, or the readiness or capabilities of the Force of the Receiving State;

(b) are carried out with due regard for public safety; and

(c) do not interfere unnecessarily with navigation, aviation, telecommunication, or land travel to, from or within the Receiving State.