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14 May 2008

Sir:

The Department is pleased to inform the International Rice Research Institute that the *Headquarters Agreement between the Republic of the Philippines and the International Rice Research Institute*, was ratified by the President on 23 May 2006, and concurred in by the Senate on 28 April 2008, through Senate Resolution No. 64.

The Department notes that Article VI, paragraph 6.4, of the Headquarters Agreement provides that *it shall enter into force on the date on which the Government, after having completed its domestic legal requirements, communicates its concurrence to the Institute, through the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs.*

In accordance with the foregoing provision, the Headquarters Agreement shall enter into force on the date of this Note, 14 May 2008.

Enclosed are copies of the following:

1. Certified true copy of the Instrument of Ratification; and
2. Senate Resolution No. 64 "Concurring in the Ratification of the Headquarters Agreement Between the Republic of the Philippines and the International Rice Research Institute."

With assurances of continued cooperation on matters of mutual concern

Very truly yours,

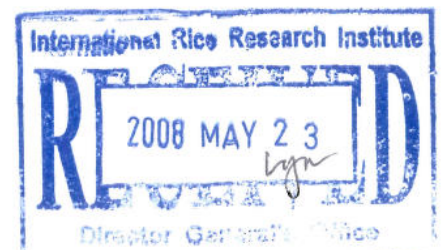
For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:


 GIOVANNI E. PALEC
 Acting Executive Director

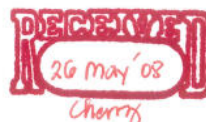
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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
 DFA-UNIO



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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the International Rice Research Institute*, was signed on 28 August 2006 in Pasay City.

WHEREAS, the *Headquarters Agreement* defines the IRRI's headquarters seat and grants immunities and privileges accorded to international organizations of a universal character based in the Philippines. The privileges and immunities provided under the *Headquarters Agreement* are accorded to ensure in all circumstances the free operation of the IRRI and the complete freedom of its trustees, officers, staff, and internationally recruited consultants relative to the performance of their functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned *Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the International Rice Research Institute*, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and each and every Article and Clause thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

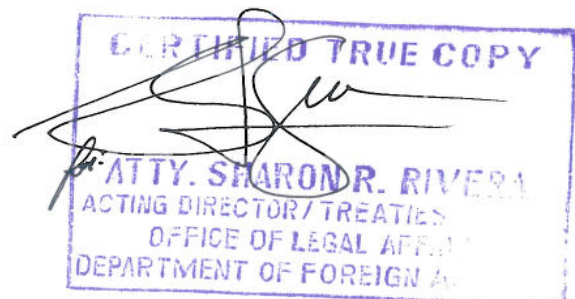
GIVEN under my hand at the City of Manila, this 23rd day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and six.

Gloria Arroyo



BY THE PRESIDENT:

Franklin M. Ebdalin
FRANKLIN M. EBDALIN
Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs



P. S. Res. No. 362

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Senate
Pasay City

Fourteenth Congress

First Regular Session



RESOLUTION NO. 64

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE
RATIFICATION OF THE HEADQUARTERS
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE INTERNATIONAL
RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, the *Headquarters Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the International Rice Research Institute* was signed on 28 August 2006 in Pasay City;

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ensure in all circumstances the free operation of the IRRI and the complete freedom of its trustees, officers, staff, and internationally recruited consultants relative to the performance of their functions;

WHEREAS, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 07 February 2008, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), PhilRice, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), IRRI Filipino Employees Association (IFEA), UP Los Baños, and representatives from the Municipalities of Bay, and Los Baños in the Province of Laguna endorsed the concurrence in the ratification of the *Headquarters Agreement*;


WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21, Article VII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, "*No treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the Members of the Senate*": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Philippines concur, as it hereby concurs, in the ratification of the *Headquarters Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the International Rice Research Institute*.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 28, 2008.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate
