

Negotiations on Framework Agreement  
between  
the Philippines and the United States  
on  
Increased Rotational Presence / Enhanced Defense Cooperation

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Progress:

The Philippines and the United States intend to reach an agreement based on key principles, to include:

- The parties share an understanding for the United States not to establish a permanent military presence in the Philippines.
- All United States access to and use of facilities and areas will be at the invitation of the Government of the Philippines.
- The agreement should be mutually beneficial in developing the Parties' individual and collective defense capacities in furtherance of Article II of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the Philippines and the United States.

The sides continued discussions, and made significant progress on the Agreement's Title; Preamble; Article I (Purpose); Article II (Definitions); Article III (Scope); Article IV (Agreed Installations); Article V (Implementing Arrangements); Article VI (Prepositioning of Defense Equipment, Supplies, and Materiel); Article VII (Ownership); Article VIII (Security); Article IX (Utilities and Communications); Article X (Protection of the Environment); Article XI (Contracting Procedures); Article XII (Resolution of Disputes); Article XIII (Entry into Force, Duration, Termination, and Amendment).

Next Round of Negotiations

The United States will host the next round of negotiations in the second week of September 2013.

