

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN with principal office at Ombudsman Building, Agham Road, North Triangle, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines represented by the Ombudsman, **Hon. CONCHITA CARPIO MORALES** and hereinafter referred to as the “**OMBUDSMAN**”;

and

GOVERNANCE COMMISSION FOR GOCCs (GCG), with principal office at Third Floor, Citibank Centre, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City, Philippines, represented by its Chairman, **Hon. CESAR L. VILLANUEVA**, and hereinafter referred to as the “**GCG**.”

WITNESSETH: THAT –

WHEREAS, under Article 11, Section 13 of the Philippine Constitution OMBUDSMAN is tasked to:

- Direct, upon complaint or at its own instance, any public official or employee of the Government, or any subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof, as well as of any government-owned or controlled corporation with original charter, to perform and expedite any act or duty required by law, or to stop, prevent, and correct any abuse or impropriety in the performance of duties;
- Investigate on its own, or on complaint by any person, any act or omission of any public official, employee, office or agency, when such act or omission appears to be illegal, unjust, improper, or inefficient; and
- Determine the causes of inefficiency, red tape, mismanagement, fraud, and corruption in the Government and make recommendations for their elimination and the observance of high standards of ethics and efficiency.

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10149, otherwise known as the “*GOCC Governance Act of 2011*,” provides that the GCG is mandated to ensure that:

- The governance of GOCCs is carried out in a transparent, responsible and accountable manner and with the utmost degree of professionalism and effectiveness; and
- The governing boards of every GOCC and its subsidiaries are competent to carry out its functions, fully accountable to the State as its fiduciary, and acts in the best interest of the State.

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