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establishing the Subcommittee on Maritime Cooperation and adopting its  
terms of reference

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**DECISION No .../2023  
OF THE EU-PHILIPPINES JOINT COMMITTEE**

**of ...**

**establishing the Subcommittee on Maritime Cooperation  
and adopting its terms of reference**

THE EU-PHILIPPINES JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other, (hereinafter ‘the Agreement’) and in particular Article 48(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 48(3) of the Agreement provides that the Joint Committee is to set up specialised subcommittees that can assist it in the performance of its tasks. The Joint Committee can determine the composition and duties of such subcommittees and how they function.
- (2) The Joint Committee established a list of subcommittees and adopted their terms of reference by means of its Decision No 2/2020 of 28 January 2020.
- (3) Upon further agreement of the Parties, both the list of subcommittees and the scope of each subcommittee can be amended.
- (4) The establishment of a new specialised subcommittee on maritime cooperation would facilitate a dedicated dialogue on all aspects of the EU-Philippines maritime cooperation and promote the effective implementation of maritime cooperation programmes between the Philippines and the EU.
- (5) The terms of reference set out in Annex B to Decision No 2/2020 of the Joint Committee of 28 January 2020 should also apply to the Subcommittee on Maritime Cooperation upon its establishment.

- (6) In accordance with Article 8(2) of the Joint Committee's Rules of Procedure, the Joint Committee may take decisions by written procedure if both Parties so agree.
- (7) In order for the Subcommittee on Maritime Cooperation to become operational in a timely manner, it is necessary to adopt this Decision by written procedure,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*  
*Establishment of the Subcommittee on Maritime Cooperation*  
*and adoption of its terms of reference*

1. The Subcommittee on Maritime Cooperation is hereby established as a specialised subcommittee of the Joint Committee.
2. The terms of reference set out in Annex B to Decision No 2/2020 of 28 January 2020 of the Joint Committee shall also apply to the Subcommittee on Maritime Cooperation.

*Article 2*  
*Amendment to the list of subcommittees*

The list of subcommittees set out in Annex A of Decision No 2/2020 of the Joint Committee of 28 January 2020 is replaced by the list set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at ...,

*For the EU-Philippines Joint Committee*  
*The Chair*

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## ANNEX

### EU-Philippines Joint Committee Specialised Subcommittees

Subcommittee on Development Cooperation

Subcommittee on Trade, Investment and Economic Cooperation

Subcommittee on Good Governance, Rule of Law and Human Rights

Subcommittee on Maritime Cooperation

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