CONVENTION ON THE REDUCTION OF STATELESSNESS
NEW YORK, 30 AUGUST 1961

PHILIPPINES: ACESSION

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 24 March 2022, with:

Declaration (Original: English)

“(a) The Republic of the Philippines maintains the grounds for the acquisition, loss and reacquisition of Philippine citizenship as provided under Article IV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and relevant domestic laws;

(b) As to Article 2 of the 1961 Convention, the Republic of the Philippines declares that a foundling found in the Philippines, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, is presumed born to a Filipino parent, and therefore, a Filipino citizen;

(c) In accordance with paragraph 3, Article 8 of the 1961 Convention, the Republic of the Philippines retains the grounds for losing Philippine citizenship as provided for under Section 1 of Commonwealth Act No. 63 (s.1936), entitled “An Act Providing for the Ways in Which Philippine Citizenship May be Lost or Reacquired,” subject, however, to the provisions of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9225 or the “Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003” and R.A. No. 8171, and other prevailing domestic laws; and

(d) While Article 12, paragraph 3 of the Convention provides that ‘[t]he provisions of Article 2 shall apply only to foundlings found in the territory of a Contracting State after the entry into force of the 1961 Convention for that State,’ the Republic of the Philippines may apply Article 2 retroactively should it be more beneficial and conducive to the well-being of the foundling.”

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The Convention shall enter into force for the Philippines on 22 June 2022 in accordance with article 18 (2) of the Convention which reads as follows:
“For each State ratifying or acceding to this Convention after the deposit of the sixth instrument of ratification or accession, it shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession or on the date on which this Convention enters into force in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article, whichever is the later.”

24 March 2022