

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
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The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to refer to Embassy's Note No. 1270 dated 23 October 2007 in regard to an application for consent to conduct marine scientific research (MSR) aboard RV Melville within the maritime jurisdiction of the Republic of the Philippines from 05 January 2008 to 20 April 2008.

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines grants its consent to the said MSR in accordance with Article 240 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and subject to the strict adherence to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached *Grant of Consent*.

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.



Pasay City, 19 December 2007