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**Working Party on State Trading Enterprises**

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## STATE TRADING

### QUESTION FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION REGARDING THE PHILIPPINES' NEW AND FULL NOTIFICATION<sup>1</sup>

The following communication, dated and received on 30 November 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the European Union.

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The European Union thanks the Philippines for its notification. The European Union has the following questions:

#### Question 1

Could the Philippines explain why the administered price in table DS:5 of [G/AG/N/PHL/85](#) is substantially below the average representative domestic sales price as reported in [G/STR/N/19/PHL](#)?

#### Question 2

Could the Philippines specify what the total quantity of rice and corn purchased by the National Food Authority from the local farmers was? At what price did the National Food Authority purchase the quantities?

#### Question 3

Could the Philippines elaborate more on the import of rice – who the parties involved were, and whether they were state or private entities?

#### Question 4

The Philippines stated in [G/STR/N/19/PHL](#) that the National Food Authority did not engage in the export of rice and corn because there was no surplus from the domestic production of both products in 2020 and 2021. In case of surpluses in 2022, who would be engaged in the export of the quantities?

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<sup>1</sup> [G/STR/N/19/PHL](#).