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17th August 2000

H.E. Mr. Rodolfo C. Severino Jr. Secretary-General of ASEAN ASEAN Secretariat Jakarta, Indonesia.

Excellency,

RE: The ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit

With reference to the above agreement signed on 16 December 1998 in Hanoi, Vietnam by the ASEAN Economic Ministers, I wish to inform you that Brunei Darussalam has ratified the said agreement with affect of 15 August 2000.

I am pleased to submit herewith the original copy of the Instrument of Ratification of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit signed by His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah Minister of Foreign Affairs Brunei Darussalam on 15 August 2000 for your necessary action.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

THE ASEAM

(LATIF TUAH) for Director-General

C.C All ASEAN Directors-General



Instrument of Ratification

WHEREAS the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit was signed in Hanoi, Viet Nam on 16th December 1998 by the duly authorised Representatives of the Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;

AND WHEREAS paragraph 3 of Article 33 of the Agreement provides that it shall enter into force upon the deposit of instruments of ratification or acceptance by all signatory governments with the Secretary-General of ASEAN;

THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN AND YANG DIPERTUAN OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, having considered the aforementioned Agreement, hereby confirms and ratifies the same and undertakes to faithfully perform and carry out all the stipulations contained therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, PRINCE MOHAMED BOLKIAH, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam, have signed this Instrument of Ratification and affixed my official seal.

DONE at BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM this

fifteenth day of August Two Thousand.

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS **BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**