

Lao People's Democratic Republic
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Dear Mr. Thawatchai,

The promulgation of ratification to the Protocol to
Implement the Initial Package of Commitments Under
ATAS

I refer to the plenary session of the 15th CCS meeting held in the morning of 13 May 1998, at the ASEAN Secretariat, in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Please find attached herewith the said promulgation ratification as above mentioned for further necessary action, and it would be grateful if you could disseminate this to all our ASEAN colleagues.

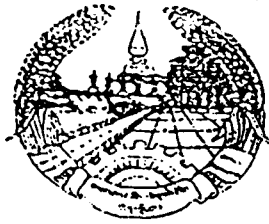
With regards.



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Conformably to the rights and authorities mentioned in the Article 53,
Point 11 of the Constitution of the Lao People's Democratic Republic,

I, Khamtay SIPHANDONE, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

declare:

ARTICLE 1: The promulgation of ratification to the Protocol to Implement the Initial Package of Commitments Under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services, signed by the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on 15th December 1997, at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

ARTICLE 2: The whole articles stipulated in this Protocol shall be completely respected.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on the present instrument of ratification.

Done at Vientiane, 16 June 1998

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Countersigned

Khamtay SIPHANDONE

Somsavat Lengsavad

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Vice-Prime Minister,
Minister of Foreign Affairs