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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to refer to the Protocol to Implement the Fourth Package of Commitments under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS) signed on 03 September 2004 in Jakarta, Indonesia; the Protocol to Implement the Fifth Package of Commitments under the AFAS signed on 08 December 2006 in Cebu, Philippines; the Protocol to Implement the Sixth Package of Commitments under the AFAS signed on 19 November 2007 in Singapore; the Protocol to Implement the Seventh Package of Commitments under the AFAS signed on 26 February 2009 in Cha Am, Thailand; and the Protocol to Implement the Eighth Package of Commitments under the AFAS signed on 28 October 2010 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam; and finally the Protocol to Implement the Ninth Package of Commitments under the AFAS, which was signed on 27 November 2015 in Makati City, the Philippines;.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN has the further honor to deposit with the Secretary General of ASEAN the Philippines' Instrument of Ratification of the said six (6) protocols.

The Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

Jakarta, 31 January 2017

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Secretary General of ASEAN

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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

**KNOW YE**, that whereas, the Protocol to Implement the Fourth Package of Commitments under the AFAS was signed on 03 September 2004 in Jakarta, Indonesia; the Protocol to Implement the Fifth Package of Commitments under the AFAS was signed on 08 December 2006 in Cebu, Philippines; the Protocol to Implement the Sixth Package of Commitments under the AFAS was signed on 19 November 2007 in Singapore; the Protocol to Implement the Seventh Package of Commitments under the AFAS was signed on 26 February 2009 in Cha Am, Thailand; the Protocol to Implement the Eight Package of Commitments under the AFAS was signed on 28 October 2010 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam; and finally the Ninth Package of Commitments under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS) was signed on 27 November 2015 in Makati, Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the Protocols reflect another step towards the realization of the free flow of services under the ASEAN Economic Community 2015 through the opening of a wider range of sectors and subsectors for trade and investments in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing that the liberalization of services in ASEAN will create a competitive environment that leads to better and more efficient delivery of services, local service providers will be able to take advantage of market openings and benefit from new ideas and processes arising out of the opening of the services sector;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known that I, **RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the abovesited six (6) Protocols, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and each and every article and clause thereof.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

**GIVEN** under my hand at the City of Manila, this **8th** day of **November** in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.

  


By the President:

  
SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA  
Executive Secretary

