



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the ASEAN Protocol on Notification Procedures was signed by the Governments of the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Brunei Darusslam, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia and the Union of Myanmar in Makati City, Philippines on 07 October 1998;

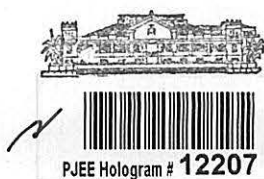
WHEREAS, the Protocol, consisting of eight (8) articles, aims to promote transparency and to improve the operation of notification procedures under all ASEAN economic agreements;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Protocol, Member States have to make notification before effecting any action or measure that they intend to take which may nullify or impair any benefit to other Member States under any ASEAN economic agreement, or when such action or measure may impede the attainment of any objective of an ASEAN economic agreement. The contents of the notification and all information relating to it are to be treated with confidentiality;

WHEREAS, Article 8 of the Protocol states 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;

WHEREAS, this Protocol is not one of those treaties and international agreements contemplated in Section 21, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution which require the concurrence of the Senate, but an executive agreement which can be validly entered into by the President in the exercise of his treaty making powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned ASEAN Protocol on Notification Procedures, do hereby ratify and confirm the same 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, on this 10th day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine.

BY THE PRESIDENT:



BENJAMIN B. DOMINGO
Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs

