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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 transmit the original Instrument of Ratification, signed by H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines, of the Protocol 7 on the ASEAN Customs Transit System of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT), which was signed on 24 February 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand.

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.

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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Protocol 7 on the ASEAN Customs Transit System of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT)* was signed on 24 February 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand;

WHEREAS, the Protocol recalls that the ASEAN Customs Transit System works towards the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community as stipulated in the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint; and

WHEREAS, the Protocol desires to encourage and facilitate inter-state and transit transport operations among the Contracting Parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that **I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Protocol 7 on the ASEAN Customs Transit System of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT)*, 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 20th day of November in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen.



BY THE PRESIDENT:



PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

