



Note No. 30/12

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to deposit the attached original copies of the following Instruments of Ratification signed by H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines:

- 1) Protocol to Implement the Fifth Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services, signed by President S. Aquino III on 27th day of March 2012;
- 2) Protocol to Implement the Sixth Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services, signed by President Benigno S. Aquino III on 27th day of March 2012;
- 3) ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve Agreement (APTERR), signed by President Benigno S. Aquino III on 27 March 2012.

The Philippine Mission would appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could formally acknowledge receipt of the copies of these Instruments of Ratification.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic 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 to Implement the Fifth Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services* was signed on 8 February 2007 in Bangkok, Thailand;

WHEREAS, the Protocol implements the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services signed on 15 December 1995 which seeks to enhance cooperation in services, eliminate restrictions, and liberalize trade in services by expanding the depth and scope of liberalization beyond those undertaken under the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) of the World Trade Organisation (WTO);

WHEREAS, the Annexes to the Protocol consist of each Member State's Consolidated Schedule of Specific Commitments on air transport services;

WHEREAS, Member States shall extend to each other preferential treatment in the services set forth in the Annexes;

WHEREAS, under the Protocol, Member Countries who are WTO Members shall continue to extend their specific commitments under GATS to ASEAN Member Countries who are non-WTO Members;

WHEREAS, the Protocol shall enter into force on the sixtieth (60th) day after the deposit of the sixth Instrument of Ratification with the Secretary-General;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Protocol to Implement the Fifth Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services*, 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 27 day of March in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve.



BY THE PRESIDENT:



ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

