



**MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA**

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that **whereas**, the Agreement on the Recognition of Commercial Vehicle **Inspection** Certificates for Goods Vehicles and Public Service Vehicles Issued by the ASEAN Member Countries was signed in Singapore on 10 September 1998;

WHEREAS, the Agreement aims to facilitate **cross-border** movement of commercial vehicles with regard to goods vehicles and public service vehicles among the Contracting Parties;

WHEREAS, under the Agreement, only valid commercial vehicle inspection certificates issued by designated authorities or agencies of the Member Countries to goods vehicles and public service vehicles are given recognition. The recognition provided will not **apply**, however, to the certificate with respect to any vehicle carrying dangerous goods;

WHEREAS, the recognition of these certificates by the Member Countries **will**, inter alia, open up avenues for new investment among the trading member countries;

WHEREAS, Article 11 of the Agreement provides that it shall enter into force on the date of the last deposit of the Instrument of Ratification by the signatory Governments with the ASEAN Secretary General;

WHEREAS, this Agreement 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;



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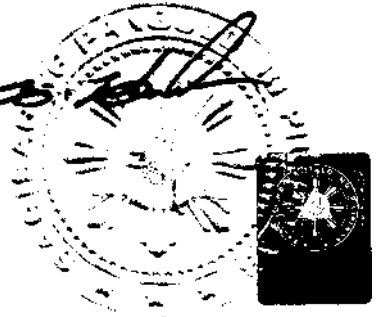



NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA,** **President** of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the **forementioned** Agreement on the **Recognition** of Commercial Vehicle Inspection **Certificates** for **Goods** Vehicles and **Public** Service Vehicles Issued by the ASEAN Member **Countries,** 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
in the year of Our Lord one **thousand** nine hundred and **ninety-nine**

BY THE PRESIDENT



DOMINGO ESTACION
Secretary of Foreign Affairs



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