

PROTOCOL AMENDING THE TREATY OF AMITY  
AND COOPERATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

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THE GOVERNMENT OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE, AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND

DESIRING to further enhance cooperation with all peace-loving nations, both within and outside Southeast Asia and, in particular, neighbouring States of the Southeast Asia region;

CONSIDERING Paragraph 5 of the Preamble of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, done at Denpasar, Bali, on 24 February 1976 (hereinafter referred to as the Treaty of Amity), which refers to the need for cooperation with all peace-loving nations, both within and outside Southeast Asia, in the furtherance of world peace, stability and harmony;

HEREBY AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

### Article 1

Article 18 of the Treaty of Amity shall be amended to read as follows:-

"This Treaty shall be signed by the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore and the Kingdom of Thailand. It shall be ratified in accordance with the constitutional procedures of each signatory State.

It shall be open for accession by other States in Southeast Asia.

States outside Southeast Asia may also accede to this Treaty by the consent of all the States in Southeast Asia which are signatories to this Treaty and Brunei Darussalam."

### Article 2

Article 14 of the Treaty of Amity shall be amended to read as follows:-

"To settle disputes through regional processes, the High Contracting Parties shall constitute, as a continuing body, a High Council comprising a Representative at ministerial level from each of the High Contracting Parties to take cognizance of the existence of disputes or situations likely to disturb regional peace and harmony.

However, this article shall apply to any of the States outside Southeast Asia which have acceded to the Treaty only in cases where that State is directly involved in the dispute to be settled through the regional processes."

### Article 3

This Protocol shall be subject to ratification and shall come into force on the date the last instrument of ratification of the High Contracting Parties is deposited.

Done at Manila, the fifteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven.