

**INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION
TO THE TREATY OF AMITY AND COOPERATION
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

WHEREAS the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, which was signed on 24 February 1976 in Bali, Indonesia, was amended by the First and the Second Protocols Amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, which were signed on 15 December 1987 and 25 July 1998, respectively;

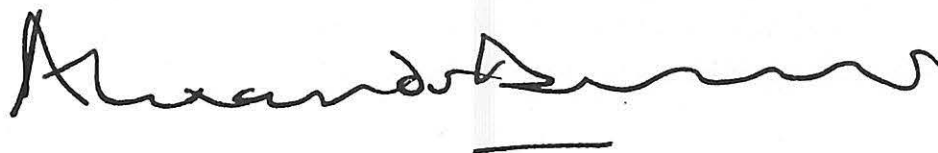
WHEREAS Article 18, Paragraph 3, of the aforesaid Treaty as amended by Article 1 of the aforesaid Second Protocol provides that States outside Southeast Asia may also accede to the Treaty with the consent of all the States in Southeast Asia, namely Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam; and

WHEREAS all the States in Southeast Asia have consented to the accession of Australia to the Treaty;

NOW, therefore, the Government of Australia, having considered the aforesaid Treaty as amended by the Protocols, accedes to the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out all the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Instrument of Accession is signed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia.

DONE at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on the Tenth Day of
December in the Year of Two Thousand and Five.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexander Downer', with a horizontal line underneath.

ALEXANDER DOWNER
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Australia

