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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 on the Third Protocol to Amend the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the People's Republic of China*, signed by H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines, on 25 February 2015.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN would appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could acknowledge receipt hereof and inform the Mission accordingly of the date of entry into force of the Protocol.

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.

Jakarta, 10 September 2015



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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Third Protocol to Amend the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the People's Republic of China* was signed on 19 November 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia;

WHEREAS, the Protocol is pursuant to the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Co-operation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the People's Republic of China (Framework Agreement) which was signed on 4 November 2002;

WHEREAS, paragraph 1 of Article 12 of the Framework Agreement provides that the ASEAN-China Trade Negotiation Committee shall continue to carry out the program of negotiations set out in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Protocol amends Article 12 of the Framework Agreement and establishes the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area Joint Committee (ACFTA-JC) as the permanent body to assist the ASEAN Economic Ministers and the Minister of Commerce of China (AEM-MOFCOM) in ensuring the effective operation and implementation of the Framework Agreement and any other agreements/legal instruments concluded or to be concluded under the Framework Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Third Protocol to Amend the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the People's Republic of China*, 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 25th day of February in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen.



BY THE PRESIDENT:



PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

