

## LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC Peace, Independence, Democracy, Unity, Prosperity

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs

## **INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE**

to the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation among the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations and the Government of the Republic of Korea

WHEREAS the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on **Comprehensive** Economic Cooperation among the Governments of the Association of South East Asian Nations and the Government of the Republic of Korea was signed by the duly authorized representative of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic at Kuala Lumpur, on 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2005;

AND WHEREAS its Article 21 stipulates that this Agreement shall enter into force on 1 July 2007, provided that at least one ASEAN Member Country and Korea are among the Signatory Countries that have by then notified all the other Parties in writing of the completion of their internal procedures. In the event this Agreement does not enter into force on 1 July 2007, it shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the latter date on which at least one ASEAN Member Country and Korea have notified all the other Parties in writing of the completion of their internal procedures;

NOW THEREFORE I, Thongloun **SISOULITH**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, declare that the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, having considered the above-mentioned Agreement, accepts the same and undertakes to faithfully perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed, and affixed my seal to, this Instrument of Acceptance at Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, on 31 May 2007.

Thongloun SISOULITH Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs