



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

**Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister for Foreign Affairs**

INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

WHEREAS the Agreement on Dispute Settlement Mechanism between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the People's Republic of China has been signed by the duly authorized representative of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, at Vientiane, Lao PDR, on 29th November 2004;

AND WHEREAS Article 18 (1) of the Agreement stipulates that it shall enter into force on 1st January 2005, and Article 18 (4) stipulates that a Party shall upon the completion of its internal procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement notify all the other Parties in writing;

NOW THEREFORE I, Somsavat LENGSAVAD, Deputy Prime Minister, **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 faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Instrument of Acceptance.

Done at Vientiane, 23 March 2005

Somsavat LENGSAVAD