



**LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**  
**PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY**

**The Prime Minister**

**INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION**

to the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

**WHEREAS** the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations ("the ASEAN Charter") was concluded at the 13<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Singapore, on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007;

**AND WHEREAS** the ASEAN Charter was signed on behalf of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on that date;

**AND WHEREAS** Paragraph 2 of Article 47 of the ASEAN Charter provides that it shall be subject to ratification by all ASEAN Member States in accordance with their respective internal procedures;

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Bouasone BOUPHAVANH, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, declare that the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, having considered the above-mentioned Charter, ratifies the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have signed, and affixed my seal to, this Instrument of Ratification at Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, on 14 February 2008.

**Bouasone BOUPHAVANH**  
Prime Minister