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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and with reference to the First Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement signed by the eight ASEAN Member States on signed on 29 August 2018, and by Thailand and Vietnam on 22 January 2019, respectively, has the honor to deposit with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, the Philippines' Instrument of Ratification of the said First 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, 25 February 2020

Secretary General of ASEAN



MALACAÑANG
MANILA

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *First Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement* was signed by eight Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Member States on 29 August 2018, and by Thailand and Vietnam on 16 and 22 January 2019, respectively;

WHEREAS, the Protocol incorporates the ASEAN-Wide Self Certification (AWSC) Scheme into the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA), which provides for a simplified and streamlined procedure to claim and avail of the ATIGA preferential tariff treatment for intra-ASEAN exports;

WHEREAS, the Protocol amends Article 38 of the ATIGA to expand the acceptable proofs of origin by including an origin declaration issued under the AWSC; and

WHEREAS, the Protocol is expected to significantly minimize administrative and compliance burdens, and decrease transaction costs associated with the ATIGA;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *First Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement*, 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 **28th** day of **January** in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

R Duterte



By the President:

[Signature]
SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary



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