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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN in Jakarta presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to deposit with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, the attached Philippines' Instrument of Ratification of the ASEAN Agreement on Electronic Commerce.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN in Jakarta avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

Jakarta, 28 December 2020

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Jakarta, Indonesia



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**INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION**

**TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:**

**KNOW YE**, that whereas, the *Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Agreement on Electronic Commerce* was signed by the ASEAN Economic Ministers on 22 January 2019 in Ha Noi, Vietnam;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement recognizes the role of electronic commerce (e-commerce) in driving economic growth and social development in the ASEAN region;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement acknowledges the importance of e-commerce in facilitating cross-border trade and investment, and in significantly lowering the barriers to entry and operating costs for businesses, particularly Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement is expected to benefit Philippine businesses, especially MSMEs, as well as Filipino consumers, by facilitating and promoting cross-border e-commerce transactions in the ASEAN region;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement is also expected to deepen cooperation activities among the ASEAN Member States in the areas of information and communications technology infrastructure, education and technology competency, online consumer protection, e-commerce legal and regulatory frameworks, electronic transaction security, electronic payment and settlement, trade facilitation, intellectual property rights, competition, cybersecurity and logistics; and

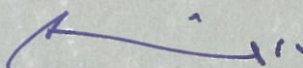
**WHEREAS**, the Agreement will provide a holistic approach on the development and promotion of e-commerce in the ASEAN region, nurture an enabling e-commerce environment, and promote public interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known that **I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *ASEAN Agreement on Electronic Commerce*, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty.

By the President:

  
**SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA**  
Executive Secretary



Handwritten signature of Rodrigo Roa Duterte in black ink.



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