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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

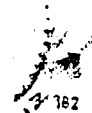
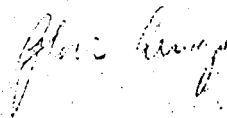
KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Agreement on Trade in Goods of the Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Co-operation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the People's Republic of China*, was signed on 29 November 2004 in Vientiane, Lao PDR;

WHEREAS, the *Agreement* is one of the components of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between ASEAN and China (Framework Agreement) and the Protocol to Amend the Framework Agreement, which reflect the Parties' commitment to establish the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area covering trade in goods by 2010 for ASEAN 6 and China and by 2015 for the newer ASEAN Member States;


NOW THEREFORE, be it known that I, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned *Agreement on Trade in Goods of the Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Co-operation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the People's Republic of China*, 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 19th day of JULY in the year of our Lord two thousand and five.



BY THE PRESIDENT:



FRANKLIN M. EBDALIN
Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs





26 July 2005

H.E. Mr. Ong Keng Yong
Secretary-General
ASEAN Secretariat
Jakarta, Indonesia

Dear Excellency:

We are pleased to provide you a copy of the Philippines' instrument of ratification of the following Agreements under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between ASEAN and China:

- a) ~~Agreement on Trade in Goods~~
- b) Agreement on Dispute Settlement Mechanism

Please note, however, that the Department is still awaiting the completion of internal legal procedures by the Department of Justice to implement the above-mentioned Agreements.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Very truly yours,

Peter B. Favila
Acting Secretary

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