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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to refer to the ***Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat for the Implementation of the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Tourism Professionals***, signed on 30 December 2015.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN has further the honor to deposit with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, the Philippines' Instrument of Ratification of the said Agreement.

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, 17 January 2018

Secretary General of ASEAN



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THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT
LEGAL SERVICES AND AGREEMENTS
DIRECTORATE

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MANILA

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the "*Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat for the Implementation of the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Tourism Professionals*", was signed on 30 December 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia;

WHEREAS, the Agreement will facilitate the implementation of the related activities for the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Tourism Professionals (MRATP) and the assessment of the progress thereof;

WHEREAS, the Agreement will likewise facilitate the development of a well-informed and results-based work plan to guide the ASEAN Member States (AMS);

WHEREAS, the Agreement will enable the AMS to maintain an updated ASEAN Tourism Professional Registration System, which includes database management and resources for the implementation of the MRATP; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement will boost employment opportunities for Filipino tourism professionals in the ASEAN region, as well as increase the competitiveness of Filipino tourism professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat for the Implementation of the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Tourism Professionals*, 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 **22nd** day of **November** in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen.




By the President:


SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary



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