MALACAÑANG MANILA

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that the ASEAN Sectoral Integration Protocol for the Logistics Services Sector was signed on 24 August 2007 in Manila;

WHEREAS, the *Protocol* spells out specific measures to be taken by Member States on a priority basis to enable the progressive and systematic integration of the logistics services sector. The Roadmap for the Integration of Logistics Services Sector annexed to this *Protocol* provides concrete actions and specific timelines and identifies the coordinating and implementing bodies to facilitate trade and enhance the competitiveness of ASEAN;

WHEREAS, the *Protocol* provides that additional measures other than those identified in the Roadmap may be introduced, as and when deemed necessary, through amendments mutually agreed upon in writing by all Member States.

WHEREAS, the *Protocol* also provides that it shall enter into force 180 (one hundred eighty) days after the date of signature. However, notwithstanding the specified date of entry into force, Member States undertake to carry out the obligations which arise prior to the date of entry into force of this Protocol in accordance with the timelines indicated in the Framework Agreement for the Integration of Priority Sectors and the Roadmap for Integration of the Logistics Services Sector attached to this *Protocol*.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned ASEAN Sectoral Integration Protocol for the Logistics Services Sector, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and each and every item 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 <u>28th</u> day of <u>February</u> in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight.



