



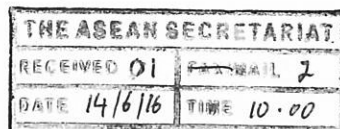
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to refer to ASEAN Agreement on the Movement of Natural Persons, signed on 19 November 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

In accordance with Article 16 (1) of the said Agreement, 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, 09 June 2016



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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *ASEAN Agreement on the Movement of Natural Persons* was signed on 19 November 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia;

WHEREAS, the Agreement desires to establish an effective mechanism to further liberalize and facilitate movement of natural persons towards free flow of skilled labor in the ASEAN through close cooperation among related ASEAN bodies in areas, including but not limited to trade in goods, trade in services, investment, immigration and labor; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement also aims to eliminate substantially all restrictions in the temporary cross-border movement of natural persons involving trade in goods, trade in services and investment within the provisions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *ASEAN Agreement on the Movement of Natural Persons*, 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 13th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen.



BY THE PRESIDENT:

PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary

