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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 transmit the original Instrument of Ratification of the Protocol to Amend Certain ASEAN Economic Agreements Related to Trade in Goods, signed by H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines, on 22 August 2014.

The Philippine Mission would appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could acknowledge said document.

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

Jakarta, 9 September 2014

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## INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

## TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the Protocol to Amend Certain ASEAN Economic Agreements Related to Trade in Goods was signed on 08 March 2013 in Hanoi, Vietnam;

WHEREAS, the Protocol seeks to amend certain ASEAN Economic Agreements related to Trade in Goods taking into account the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) signed on 26 February 2009, which latter agreement is intended to supersede, among others, the Agreement on the Common Effective Preferential Tariff Scheme for the ASEAN Free Trade Area (CEPT-AFTA) as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Protocol to Amend Certain ASEAN Economic Agreements Related to Trade in Goods,* 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 August in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

PAQUITO M. OCHOA, JR. Executive Secretary

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