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#### INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

#### TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of India was signed on 13 August 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand;

WHEREAS, the ASEAN-India Agreement on Trade in Goods, consisting of twenty-four (24) Articles, covers the modality and agreed provisions for goods liberalization specifying the Parties' tariff reduction scheme/schedule.

WHEREAS, Annex 2 and its Appendices contain the Rules of Origin and the Operational Customs Procedures for the implementation of the ASEAN-India Free Trade Area;

WHEREAS, Article 23, paragraph 2 thereof provides that where a Party is unable to complete its internal requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement by 1 January 2010, the Agreement shall enter into force for that Party on 1 June 2010 or upon the date by which that Party notifies the completion of its internal requirements, whichever is earlier,

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 under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of India, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and each and every section 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 23th day of APPIL in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO Secretary of Foreign Affairs

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#### BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25

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WritEREAS, the Framework Agreement Establishing a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the ASEAN and the Republic of India (Framework Agreement) was signed by the Heads of Government/Busta of ASEAN Members States and the Republic of India on 08 Dotober 2003 in Ball, indoperate, while the Protocol -lo Amend the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the ASEAN and the Republic of India was signed by the Economic Medialers on 13 August 2009 in Bangkok, Thalland;

WHEREAS, the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Agreement was signed on 24 October 2009 in Cha-am, Phetchaburi, Tho

WHEREAS, Parties to the Agreement on Trade in Goods share the view that the Agreement will minimize barriers, deepen accordic lickages, lower business costs, increase inter-eigenst trade and investment, increase economic efficiency, create a larger market with greater opportunities, larger according a cade-and enhances the enactionness of capital and talent.

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines ratified the Agreeds on 27 April 2010;

WHEREAS, Article 4 of the Agreement on Trade in Goods provides that each Party shall gradually Ebertains, where applicable, applied MFN tariff rates on originaling goods of the other Parties in accordance with its schedule of tariff commitments as set out in Annay 1 thereof;

WHEREAS, Section 402 of the Tanff and Customs Code of 1978, as amanded, empowers the President of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of the National Economic and Development Authority. to modify import duties for the promotion of longing trade

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Ph lue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The arkdes specifically listed in the Annex hereof [Arckes at Concessions under the ASEAN-India Free Trade Area [AIFTA]], and penied by the proper Certificate of Origin (CO) form At shall be subject to the firmport duty as indicated in Columns 4-19 of said Annex.

SECTION 2. For the Republic of India and the ASEAN 9 (i.e., Brunel Davusselen, Kingdom of Cambodis, the Republic of Indoanals, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Union of Myanmar, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Tashand and the Socialis Republic of Val Namy has applicable instead be the MFTA preferential Indiff, subject to the submission of the propert CO Form Al-Pursant to Section 1313(a) of the Tailff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, the Tailff Commission may, upon request, issue tailff classification usings to, confirm the applicable rates of duty of particular products covered by this Executive Order.

SECTION 6. All other Presidential Issuances, administrative rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. This Ereculve Order shall take effect after frieen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general dicustion.

Done in the City of Manils, this 10th day of February. In the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven





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