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Papua New Guinea Embassy  
JAKARTA

The Embassy of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea presents its compliments to the Association of South East Asian Nations Secretariat (ASEAN Secretariat) and has the honour to refer to the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Ministerial Meeting held in Hanoi, Viet Nam on 23 July 2010, during which respective member States of the ARF signed the Third Protocol Amendment to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) of South East Asia and the commitment to ratify the same.

In this context, the Embassy has the distinct honour and pleasure to inform the ASEAN Secretariat that the Government of Papua New Guinea on 8 March 2012 ratified the Third Protocol Amendment to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) of South East Asia.

Subsequently, on 26 March 2012 an Instrument of Ratification of the Third Protocol Amendment to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) of South East Asia was endorsed and issued by the Honourable Ano Pala, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Papua New Guinea.

The Embassy is therefore pleased to convey herewith to the latter an authentic copy of the said instrument of Ratification for the latter's information and official records, as the officially designated depository of the same.

Additionally, the Embassy wishes to also inform that the original text of the Government of Papua New Guinea's Instrument of Ratification for the Third Protocol Amendment to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) of South East Asia shall be conveyed forthwith in due course to the latter as soon as this is received by the former.

Furthermore, the Embassy wishes to, on behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea, underscore that Papua New Guinea's completion of the mandatory statutory requirements for the ratification of the Third Protocol Amendment to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) of South East Asia therefore legally binds her to the same.

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The Embassy wishes to further underline that the Government of Papua New Guinea's ratification of the Third Protocol Amendment to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) of South East Asia attests to Papua New Guinea's unequivocal support and commitment to the ASEAN Regional Forum's fundamental principles and objective of fostering and upholding regional and global peace and security in close partnership with all ARF member countries.

Accordingly, the Embassy would be grateful if the latter could formalize Papua New Guinea's ratification of the Third Protocol Amendment to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) of South East Asia and subsequently inform all ASEAN Regional Forum member countries.

The Embassy of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Association of South East Asian Nations Secretariat (ASEAN Secretariat) the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

**Embassy of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea  
Jakarta, Indonesia**

**27 April 2012**

**Association of South East Asian Nations Secretariat  
Jakarta, Indonesia**

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## THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### CERTIFICATE OF THE SPEAKER PURSUANT TO SECTION 117 (6) OF THE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO A MATTER CONCERNING SECTION 117 (5) (b) OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

I, **JEFFERY NAPE, MP**, Speaker of the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea, **HEREBY CERTIFY**, pursuant to section 117 (6) of the *Constitution* that both I and the Prime Minister, acting under the provisions of Section 117 (5) (b) of the *Constitution*, are satisfied that the giving of the consent of Papua New Guinea to be bound as a party to the Third Protocol Amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia is too urgent a matter to allow compliance with Section 117 (3) of the *Constitution*.

**DATED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March Two thousand and twelve .

  
**HON. JEFFERY NAPE, MP**  
**Speaker of the National Parliament**



## INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

Whereas the **Third Protocol Amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia**, done at Hanoi, Vietnam, was signed by Papua New Guinea on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea is desirous of ratifying the said Agreement;

**NOW WHEREOF** the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea having considered and approved the said **Third Protocol Amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia**, hereby formally ratifies the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOFF**, I, **Honourable Ano Pala**, CMG, MP Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration, have signed this Instrument of Ratification on behalf of the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March Two Thousand and Twelve.

Hon. ANO PALA CMG MP  
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration

