



Note No. 62/11

The Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to transmit the original instrument of Ratification of H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III on 24 March 2011 of the *Third Protocol amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia*.

The Philippine Mission would appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could formally acknowledge receipt of the copy of the Instrument of Ratification.

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, 11 April 2011



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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the Third Protocol amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) in Southeast Asia was signed by the Philippines on 23 July 2010 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam;

WHEREAS, the TAC aims to promote regional peace and stability through mutual respect for independence, sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity and national identity of all nations;

WHEREAS, the Third Protocol amends Article 18, Paragraph 3 of the TAC and opens this treaty for accession by States outside Southeast Asia and by regional organizations whose members are sovereign States;

WHEREAS, the Third Protocol also amends Article 14, Paragraph 2 of the TAC and limits its application to any of the High Contracting Parties outside Southeast Asia only in cases where that High Contracting Party is directly involved in the dispute to be settled through the regional processes;

WHEREAS, the Third Protocol improves peace, stability and cooperation among states from within and outside of Southeast Asia and enhances the prospects for greater cooperation as it will bind more states and regional organizations to the principles of the TAC;

WHEREAS, the third Protocol is subject to ratification and shall come into force on the date that the last instrument of ratification of the High Contracting Parties is deposited;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that **I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the Third Protocol amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and each and every Paragraph 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 24th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven.

BY THE PRESIDENT:



ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO
Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs

