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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the Second Protocol amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TACSEA) was signed in Manila on 25 July 1998;

WHEREAS, in view of paragraph 5 of the Preamble of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, done at Denpasar, Bali on 24 February 1976 and desiring to ensure that there is appropriate enhancement of cooperation with all peace-loving nations, both within and outside Southeast Asia and, in particular, neighboring states of the Southeast Asia region, the Contracting Parties have agreed to amend the treaty;

WHEREAS, the Second Protocol amends Article 18 of the Treaty to provide for the accession by non-Southeast Asian states to the Treaty with the consent of all the states in Southeast Asia. Non-Southeast Asian countries may accede to the TACSEA to enable them to be provided with the legal framework for the conduct of cooperative relations with states in Southeast Asia;

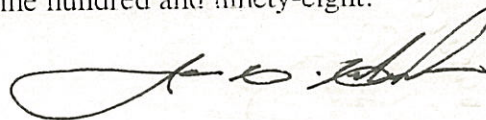
WHEREAS, Article 2 of the Second Protocol provides that it shall enter into force on the date that the last instrument of ratification of the High Contracting Parties is deposited;

WHEREAS, this Protocol is not one of those treaties and international agreements contemplated in Section 21, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution which require the concurrence of the Senate, but an executive agreement which can be validly entered into by the President in the exercise of his treaty making powers;


NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned Second Protocol Amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TACSEA), do hereby ratify and confirm the same 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, on this 24th day of NOV. in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.



BY THE PRESIDENT:


LEONIDES T. CADAY
Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs



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