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The Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to transmit, for deposit, the Instrument of Ratification of the Second Protocol to Amend the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Among Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea, signed by H.E. President Benigno S. Aquino III on 4 July 2012.

The Permanent Mission of the Philippines would appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could acknowledge receipt of the instrument.

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, 19 July 2012



Cc:

All Permanent Representatives to ASEAN

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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Second Protocol to Amend the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Among the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea* was signed on 17 November 2011 in Bali, Indonesia;

WHEREAS, the Protocol introduces a new Article 6bis which gives parties the option to unilaterally accelerate the reduction and/or elimination of tariffs, or to transfer any tariff line from the sensitive track into the normal track, or to negotiate with other parties for such acceleration;

WHEREAS, the Protocol also provides for a new Article 17 on amendments and entry into force of amendments to the agreement;

WHEREAS, the Protocol shall enter into force 90 days after the date Korea and at least one ASEAN Member Country have notified all other Parties in writing of the completion of their internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Protocol;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that **I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Second Protocol to Amend the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Among the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea*, 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 4th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.



BY THE PRESIDENT:



ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

