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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to transmit the original *Instrument of Ratification of the First Protocol to Amend the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area*, signed by H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines, on 29 May 2015.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN would appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could acknowledge receipt hereof and inform the Mission accordingly of the date of entry into force of the Protocol.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

Jakarta, 27 August 2015



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**INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION**

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

**KNOW YE**, that whereas, the *First Protocol to Amend the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area* was signed on 26 August 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar;

**WHEREAS**, the Protocol recalls the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement, signed on 27 February 2009, which covers trade in goods, investment, trade in services, including financial and telecommunication services, electronic commerce, movement of natural persons, intellectual property, competition and economic cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Protocol seeks to facilitate trade by incorporating the consolidated Product Specific Rules using the most recent version of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known that I, **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *First Protocol to Amend the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area*, 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen.



**BY THE PRESIDENT:**



**PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.**  
Executive Secretary

