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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 for the Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement*, signed by H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines, on 06 August 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, 03 September 2015



THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT

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## **INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION**

## TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

**KNOW YE,** that whereas, the *Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement* was signed on 26 August 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar;

WHEREAS, the Protocol recalls the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement, signed on 26 February 2009, which aims to create a free and open investment regime in ASEAN in order to achieve the end goal of economic integration under the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in accordance with the AEC Blueprint; and

**WHEREAS**, the Protocol adopts an efficient mechanism to effect any changes in each Member State's reservation list following subsequent amendments or modifications.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it known that **I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III,** President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Protocol to Amend the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement*, 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  $\frac{6 \, \text{th}}{2 \, \text{th}}$  day of  $\frac{\text{August}}{2 \, \text{th}}$  in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

PAQUITO N OCHOA, JR. Executive Secretary

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