



Note 073-09

The Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to transmit the Philippine Instrument of Ratification (IR) on the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (ACIA) which was signed by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on 06 August 2009, subject of Honorable Eduardo Pablo M. Maglaya's communication to H. E. Surin Pitsuwan of 19 October 2009.

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, 26 October 2009



RECEIVED

26 OCT 2009

THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT
LEGAL SERVICES AND AGREEMENT
DIVISION

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (ACIA)* was signed on 26 February 2009 in Cha-am, Thailand;

WHEREAS, the *ACIA*, consisting of 50 Articles, 2 Annexes and 1 Schedule, is a comprehensive agreement that encompasses the four main pillars of investment – liberalization, facilitation, protection and promotion.

WHEREAS, the *ACIA* aims to create a free and open investment regime and facilitate economic integration within ASEAN;

WHEREAS, the *ACIA* enhances the protection of investment thereby improving investors' confidence to invest within the ASEAN;

WHEREAS, Article 48, paragraph 1 of the *ACIA* provides that it *shall enter into force after all Member States have notified or, where necessary, deposited instruments of ratification with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, which shall not take more than 180 days after the signing of this Agreement*;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that **I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned *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 6th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine.

BY THE PRESIDENT:



ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

