



Note No. 03/2013

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to deposit the attached original copy of the Instrument of Ratification on the Agreement between the Governments of the Member States of ASEAN and the Republic of Korea on Forest Cooperation (AFCoCo) signed by H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines on 21 December 2012.

The Philippine Mission would appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could formally acknowledge receipt of the Instrument of Ratification.

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, 11 January 2013

Encls: as stated.

Cc: All Permanent Representatives to ASEAN

THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT	
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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Agreement Between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Republic of Korea (ROK) on Forest Cooperation* was signed on 18 November 2011 in Bali, Indonesia;

WHEREAS, Article I of the *Agreement* provides that the *Agreement* shall serve as a platform to foster cooperation in forestry and facilitate dialogue towards the establishment of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO);

WHEREAS, Parties to the *Agreement* have agreed to cooperate in promoting sustainable forest management, addressing deforestation and forest degradation, strengthening capacity building and research and development in the forestry sector, and enhancing forest carbon stocks and initiatives;

WHEREAS, under Article V of the *Agreement*, the operating costs for the implementation of the *Agreement* shall be funded either by way of in-kind and/or in-cash contributions based on the ratio of one-to-nine from the ASEAN Member States as a whole and the ROK, respectively. For the contribution of the ASEAN Member States, the basic obligation to contribute to the operation costs by each ASEAN Member State shall be up to one percent; and

WHEREAS, Article XI of the *Agreement* provides that upon the signing of the *Agreement* by all ASEAN Member States and the ROK, the same shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30) day after the date on which at least 6 ASEAN Member States and ROK have notified all the other Parties, in accordance with the procedures under the *Agreement*, of the completion of their respective internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of the *Agreement*.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that **I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Agreement Between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Republic of Korea (ROK) on Forest Cooperation*, 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 21st day of December in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve.

BY THE PRESIDENT:





