## MALACAÑANG MANILA

## **INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION**

## TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

**KNOW YE**, that whereas, the *Revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)* on the Establishment of the ASEAN Foundation was signed by the Philippines on 25 July 2000 in Bangkok, Thailand;

**WHEREAS**, the *MOU* will supersede the 1997 agreement establishing the ASEAN Foundation as soon as the MOU enters into force. The Foundation is envisioned to promote greater awareness of ASEAN, greater interaction among the peoples of ASEAN as well as their wider participation in ASEAN's activities;

WHEREAS, the MOU shall enter into force upon deposit of the instrument of ratification or acceptance of all the signatory governments;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned Revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Establishment of the ASEAN Foundation, 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  $\underline{28th}$  day of  $\underline{July}$  in the year of our Lord two thousand and five.

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BY THE PRESIDENT:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO Secretary of Foreign Affairs