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The Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to transmit the original copy of the Instrument of Ratification dated 5 August 2011 of Philippine President Benigno S. Aquino III on the Protocol to Amend the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Among the Governments of the Member-Countries of ASEAN and the Republic of Korea which was signed on 30 November 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Kindly note that the Philippines has completed its internal procedures for the entry into force pursuant to the Second Paragraph of Article 2 of the Agreement.

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

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

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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the Protocol to Amend the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Among the Governments of the Member Countries of ASEAN and the Republic of Korea was signed on 30 November 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand;

WHEREAS, the Protocol incorporates Lao PDR's Highly Sensitive List under Group E in Appendix 2 of Annex 2 of the ASEAN-Korea Trade in Goods (TIG) Agreement. Lao PDR's list was inadvertently left out when the ASEAN-Korea Trade in Goods Agreement was signed in August 2006;

WHEREAS, the Protocol is in line with Article 17 of the TIG which provides that any amendment to the TIG must be mutually agreed upon by the Parties;

WHEREAS, under the Second Paragraph of Article 2 thereof, where a Party has not completed its internal procedures for the entry into force of the Protocol within 90 days after the date of signing, the Protocol shall enter into force in relation to that Party on the date of notification of completion of such internal procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that **I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the Protocol to Amend the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Among the Governments of the Member Countries of ASEAN and the Republic of Korea, 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 5th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIOSecretary of Foreign Affairs

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