



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the Agreement on the Augmentation of the ASEAN Science Fund was signed in Genting Highlands, Malaysia on 08 April 2000;

WHEREAS, the Agreement, consisting of seven (7) articles, aims, among others, to facilitate the augmentation of the ASEAN Science Fund to have it reach a target contribution of US \$ 1 million from each ASEAN Member Country;

WHEREAS, the ASEAN Science Fund from the initial contributions made was established in 1989 to promote regional cooperation in science and technology;

WHEREAS, the Contracting Parties, in recognition of the challenges that lie ahead for regional cooperation in science and technology and the concomitant need for stronger funding support to seed regional cooperation programs in science and technology, have entered into the present Agreement;

WHEREAS, Article 6 of the Agreement provides that it shall enter into force on the date of the last deposit of the Instrument of Ratification or Acceptance by the ASEAN Member Countries;

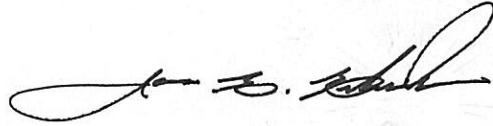
WHEREAS, this Agreement is not one of those treaties and international agreements contemplated in Section 21, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution which require the concurrence of the Senate, but an executive agreement which can be validly entered into by the President in the exercise of his treaty making powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that **I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned Agreement on the Augmentation of the ASEAN Science Fund, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and every Article and Clause thereof.

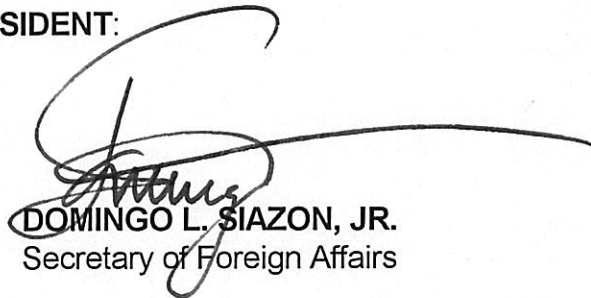


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Manila, on this 22nd day of JUNE in the year of Our Lord two thousand.



BY THE PRESIDENT:



DOMINGO L. SIAZON, JR.
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

